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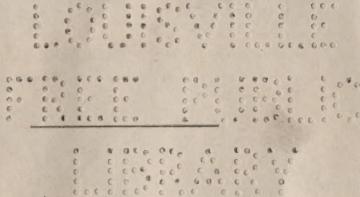
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# INTRODUCTORY.

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66 THE proper study of mankind is man," and in our comprehensive and detailed history of the Jews of Louisville, we offer not only striking studies of some of the best men and women who have lived, labored, and conquered in our midsts, but we furnish a work which will live as a testimonial of our present and past generations for the information and example of those who come afterwards.

At the outset we would say that we realized the enormousness of our task; but we entered upon it recognizing its invaluableness when completed, and fully equipped from every standpoint to produce the magnificent volume which ought to be both a pleasure and a pride to every Louisvillian. At great expense and trouble we have secured handsome half-tones of the prominent Jews, their synagogues, clubs, etc., and have endeavored throughout to keep the history up to the highest standard, both in finish and literary merit.

The advantage of historical study needs no comment. It is necessary that we know something of the peoples of the world, and the doings of those gone before; but it is highly important, also, that we know our own environment, and our own people. In this respect our history is almost priceless, for its persual will give you a more intimate acquaintance with, and a better understanding of, the lives of those whom you, perhaps, meet every day; and will draw you nearer to them, and to an appreciation of their struggles and their achievements.

We know that the Jews of Louisville will appreciate our efforts in their behalf, and we are satisfied that they will carefully read the advertisements in the history. It is the advertisers who have made this splendid work a success, and we, therefore, bespeak for them the kindest consideration of our readers whose attention is called to the classified business index.

With thanks to those who have lightened our burdens, and lent their valued assistance, and a feeling that this history fills a long felt need, and will accomplish its mission of good, we beg to remain,

Most respectfully,

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HISTORY  
OF THE  
JEW'S  
OF  
LOUISVILLE.

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THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE was named in honor of King Louis XVI of France, who greatly favored the American colonists in their struggle for independence, and who did much to advance their cause. It was during that momentous period in the history of this country that Louisville was founded.

In the year 1778, Colonel George Rogers Clarke, on his way down the river, left a party of colonists at Corn Island, at the Falls of the Ohio, and it was not much later that the first rude huts of the pioneer settlers appeared on the present site of Louisville. Since that time, Corn Island has been effaced from existence by the rushing waters of the Ohio, while the City of Louisville has thrived and flourished, until to-day it proudly rears its head with the rank of the 18th city of a mighty nation. The change from those early days has been nothing short of marvelous, and could some of those Corn Island residents see the present city, which in their time was wild waste land, they would no doubt place reliance and credit in witchcraft which held vital sway in many of the cities of the Eastern part of the country, and in some parts of the West, in their day. The soughing of the wind through the forest has given place to the swish and roar of the electric car and the buzz and hum of the factory. The early trading of the settlers has been superseded by the railroad commerce of a great city. The log cabin has given way to the palatial residence—the wooden store has passed away, and in its place has risen the many storied office building with its electric lights, its elevators, its comforts and conveniences far beyond the wildest dreams of those responsible for the city's foundation. Scarcely a vestige of those pioneer days remains. The country path, by the ingenuity of human endeavor, is now

the well paved street; the old fashioned town hall has been metamorphosed into a magnificent structure of brick and stone. In the hand of time there has been a veritable fairy's wand, changing everything which it touched.

In the writings of the prophets and seers of old, such things as modern rapid transit were predicted. The writers of fairy tales saw with the vision of imagination the wonders of the future; time has been more than a magic wand, for it has been also an Alladin's lamp, transferring and changing. It has not only changed physical facts and conditions, but it has also given us the previously almost inconceivable comforts and conveniences, now so common and almost unthought of as unusual, in a city like Louisville. Well might we dwell at length on this subject, so plethoric is it with food for reflection—and as for interest, both for the writer and the reader, what is there more pregnant with meat for thought, more overflowing with material for study, than this self same theme? To trace the growth and changes of a people, of a continent, of a state, of a city, how grand the task!

But yet all this is impossible in a work of this character. We have a definite object in view, and the space only to touch upon its higher phases but casually. We can only mention the changes without other comment. Inferences and conclusions must be drawn by the reader. But to return to our specific subject, to show the growth of the city under discussion, and touch upon the salient points of its history.

The history of Louisville, however, has been, to a large extent, practically identical with that of other progressive Western towns. As early as 1780 the Virginia Legislature ranked it as a town, which shows the rapidity with which it grew from its very incipiency; and in 1828 the rank of city was conferred upon it. In 1812, when the first steamboat plied the Ohio, a great change was wrought, and the real growth of the city began. The situation of Louisville as the gateway of the South from the East and Northeast, offered most favorable opportunities for railroad and other enterprises, and the facts that it is the largest city in a state rich in tobacco, and noted for the manufacture of the finest whiskey in the world, were among causes which led to the city's prominence. For a long time Louisville was probably one of the largest leaf tobacco markets in the world. Its pork packing industry was also the means of giving employment to many thousands, and its plough and farm implement manufactories were, and are to-day, among the largest and best equipped in the United States. Being naturally a threshold between the North and the South, many thousand bales of cotton are annually transported through the city, and many other articles from the South are also shipped to this important point.

The State of Kentucky, rich in mineral products, afforded the city much opportunity for a splendid growth. In addition to this, the natural fertility of the surrounding country made it a natural market for all kinds of produce and farm products, which were easily brought into the town, so that they did not have to be carried from long distances. This proved of immense advantage to the city of Louisville, as can readily be understood. Thus Louisville, in a state both fertile for agriculture, and rich in districts in mineral wealth at the same time, has no reason to complain, but on the contrary to be proud of its geographical location. Kentucky is noted the world over for the magnificent stock which it raises, and this makes Louisville a splendid market for horses and mules, another feature which greatly enhances the commercial interests of the city.

Louisville is one of the best located cities, commercially, in the country. The opening of the railroads brought it into direct competition with Chicago, Cincinnati, and St. Louis, and right well has the city maintained its end of this arrangement. According to the last census the population of Louisville was 204,731, showing an immense growth, fully in keeping with what might be expected by its most sanguine citizens. And in competition with the three cities above mentioned, Louisville, by reason of its natural location, has right well sustained its end of the arrangement. Though it has not the size of the others, yet in progressiveness and enterprise it is their equal. The reasons for the increase in population in cities is a subject which can be treated in a volume by itself, and requires deeper investigation than we can give to it. Our subject is, after all, fraught with many ramifications the pursuit of which would be of immense profit to the historical student.

Magnificent bridges, over five thousand feet long, connect Louisville with New Albany and Jeffersonville, two thriving Indiana towns. They also give Louisville direct railroad communication with the North, lending great value to the city as a railroad center. One bridge across the river accommodates pedestrians and vehicles. Owing to the Falls in the Ohio River that stream was not always navigable at Louisville, but to obviate this, immense locks have been built, which have proven of inestimable value to the commercial interests of the city. These locks are of the largest and finest in the United States. They were built irrespective of cost, and make the river navigable, whether the water is high or low. They have done much in the building of Louisville's river traffic; in fact, it is owing to this facility that the city has made such rapid strides in the direction of increase in river business.

It would seem that the Falls of the River might have proven of vast consequence as an industrial factor in Louisville's development, but, for some reason, this has not been entirely the case, though the natural advantages offered by the Falls have not been entirely neglected. However, most of the factories, mills, etc., employ steam, and not water as their motive power. There are prospects, nevertheless, that the Falls will later become of more consequence in the commercial history of the town than they are at present. A condition which has somewhat retarded Louisville's growth has been a rather prevalent idea throughout the country, that the city was not quite as healthy a place of abode as it might be. If there ever was any truth in this idea it has been changed to a fallacy by the splendid sanitary system of sewerage and drainage now in vogue, and the city is now as healthy as any in the country. In fact, its mortuary rate is below that of other places considered as good abodes for human habitation. In this regard facts prove that Louisville has not only outlived this deterrent accusation, but offers climatic and sanitary conditions not excelled by many cities especially in the middle West.

Louisville is spaciously laid out. Its streets are straight and of good width, and run at right angles, its blocks being almost of uniform size. It has a fine water, gas, and electric light works, beautiful residences, with spacious grounds, parks and fine drives, magnificent public buildings, and, in fact, every advantage of a modern and up-to-date city. Magnificent churches, whose spires tower needlike into the skies, and upon whose magnificent stained glass windows the sun glistens in beauty, are among the chief architectural ornaments of Louisville. Every denomination, and all creeds found in this entire section of the country, are represented in the city, and both in

Jewish and in Christian circles the city has had a number of eminent and eloquent divines, such as proved its pride and glory.

The school system of Louisville is of a high order, and there are provisions for the education of the negro as well as the white population. In addition to this, Louisville has a number of medical colleges and other professional schools, which hold a good place in the educational annals of the country. In addition to this, the city is equipped with magnificent libraries, upon whose shelves will be found volumes for the student as well as for the casual reader. And there are many students in this city, and they have played a prominent part in the world's doings. You will note them among the Jews in perusing the biographies to follow. You will find them among the Christians if you but seek them out.

Seven daily newspapers are published in the city, and among them is the world renowned Courier Journal, made famous by the brilliance and labors of such men as George D. Prentiss and Henry Watterson. Of these dailies, one is German, showing that a large percentage of the population comprises those of this nationality. Besides these dailies there are some fifteen weekly publications, proving conclusively the progressiveness and enterprise of the citizens, and their desire to hold their city up to a high standard throughout the country, and also attesting to the advancement of the town itself in being able to support such a number of publications. Besides these publications and the men who manage them, the city has produced several well known contributors to the contemporaneous literature. Among the Jews will be noted especially, the name of a woman, Mrs. Ida Goldsmith Morris, who has already won fame in this line, and who gives promise of a continuance as a star of the first magnitude in the literary firmament. Besides, there are several others whose work along literary pathways is noted in our biographical section. The Christians of Louisville have also given brainy specimens of manhood to the country, and besides scholars and literateurs, there have been Statesmen of a high order, (in the Jewish ranks as well as among the Christians) who have figured conspicuously in the national, as well as the state annals of the country.

We have neither time nor space to give a general history of the city in a more elaborate degree than merely to touch upon such points as are of interest to the general reader; but before entering upon our specific subject, we must credit Louisville with some fine hospitals and public institutions, and must also state that the municipal government compares favorably with that of any other city, even of a larger size. With this brief resumè, giving a fair idea of the city, we are ready to proceed to our history of the Jews who play a prominent part in all its affairs.

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The historians of the early period of the United States paid little attention to the migration of Jews to America, and especially to their migration to the wilds of Kentucky, so that the accounts from which to gather data on this subject are extraordinarily meagre. According to an account of "Jewish Beginnings in Kentucky," by Lewis N. Dembitz, there was no frequenter of the synagogue in Kentucky previous to 1836. Previous to that date also, there were probably but very few Jews. It is a fact, though not a derogatory one, that the Jew, while he has ever been a wanderer on the face of the earth, and while he has been pictured marvelously by Eugene Sue as never at rest, you will rarely find that early settlers comprise many Jews. The

reason for this may lie in the fact that those early settlers, and, in fact, all people in former days, looked upon the Jew as a strictly commercial individual, and unfit to assume the rigors and the burdens of new colonists. Whether this be the case, or whether other causes are attributable, matters not. Though the Jew has been persecuted, it is rarely that he will seek undeveloped fields for his habitation, as did the Puritans, or as did other several denominations when they found persecution too hot for them in their own country. Nevertheless, the Jew soon discovers the value of new colonies, and though he may go individually with the first colonists, he will follow later with his family, and soon others will follow him, and in this way the Jewish community gradually becomes larger and larger. These first emigrants, while in some cases may be the stock and blood from which springs the best in the Jewish world afterwards, are not always the progenitors of the highest and noblest type of Jews who come later. Mr. Dembitz well explains the situation as it appears in Kentucky, and we quote him to prove the contention:

"*Intercmarriage of the newcomers with the daughters of the land,*" says Mr. Dembitz, "followed naturally, and the descendants of the early Jewish settlers of Kentucky are known only by their Jewish family names and their oriental features. The first Louisville directory, published in 1831, shows hardly any Jewish names. There are three men named 'Levi,' but of these it is known that they were not thoroughly Jewish and were educated as Christians. There are, however, about half a dozen names of men who appear in the directory of 1834 as members of some sort of a Jewish benevolent society. About 1836 there came to Louisville two or three families of Polish descent from Charleston, S. C., and also a few families from Southern Germany, all of lowly origin and not ashamed to intermarry with each other. These, and nearly all those who came after them, remained in the faith. In about 1838 a beginning of regular services was made in some dingy up-stairs room, and some sort of ritual bath was dug. But in the directory, the Jewish synagogue figures for the first time in 1843. The location is given as 'N. S. Market street, near corner 1st,' and Joseph Dinkelspiel is set down as Rabbi. At about this time a number of Jews settled in small country towns in Kentucky, but later came to Louisville. In 1843, a charter was granted to the Adas Israel Congregation, the members named as incorporators numbering thirty-four."

The Rev. Mr. Dinkelspiel mentioned in an above paragraph is still living, and is a resident of Metropolis, Illinois. Mr. Dembitz met him in 1851, and in those days the Rabbi performed the service of *Schochet* (ritual slaughterer) in conjunction with his other duties. The standard for the profession of Rabbi was not nearly so high as it is to-day, though the duties, from one standpoint at least, were much more arduous. In this we have another field for reflection. But we must simply give the reader a casual glance at it, as we are unable to enter upon a discussion of this subject. Our theme is wondrously full of side paths which lead sometimes into interesting arguments, and sometimes even into philosophical discussion, but we must keep to the main travelled road, and not wander into other gardens, no matter how fragrant and pleasing they may be.

Between the years 1820 and 1840, a number of Jews became prominent in Louisville, but because of their intermarriage they became lost to their race, and the accounts of their lives or those of their children form no necessary part of these annals. Thus

it happens though, that Jewish blood is mingled with that of so many Christians in this country. It is rarely, curious as it may seem, that in cases of intermarriage the Jewish strain should not lose itself to a certain extent in that of the Christian. The Christians being so vastly in the majority, and the Jews, having been ever persecuted, the case is not difficult to understand. It is more natural that a Jew who has intermarried will permit his children to be raised as Christians, than he should insist that they remain as Jews. He has, in so far as his marriage is concerned, made a step out of the traditions of his Faith, and in considering the prejudice against the Jew which existed, and exists to-day in certain places and among certain people, it is but natural that he should not interfere with his children's becoming Christians, and being raised as such. There are many cases, however, where a man marries out of his faith yet remains himself a devout Jew, and is always an ornament and an honor to his religion. Such an instance we cite below, which shows that there are exceptions to every rule, and that in some instances, the case relative to a losing of the Jewish principles, does not entirely hold good.

Considering the question of the intermarriage of those old Jews, we must not blame them too severely, if we must blame them at all. It must be considered that the Jews far outnumbered the Jewesses; that there was no opportunity for the exercise of their religious ceremonies; and that they were among strangers in a strange land. Further it must be understood that religion in these new communities is not apt to hold such a high place as it does later, when the physical facts of nature have become more subdued to man's touch. There are many reasons to condone the acts of those early Jews, but, nevertheless, save in few exceptions, those who have intermarried, were not the ancestry upon whom rests the basis of respect and esteem in which the Jew is held.

One of the earliest settlers was John J. Jacob, who came from England. Although he married an estimable Gentile woman, he never denied his religion. In 1840, Mr. Jacob was a Councilman of Louisville, and was also a member of the Finance, Public Works, and Revision Committees; was a director of the Louisville Gas Company, and was one of the Board of Visitors to the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind. From the time of Mr. Jacob, the Jews have always filled positions of highest trust and honor in the city. And it is upon the actions of such men as Mr. Jacob that the honor and glory of Judaism rests. He maintained his religion, and he always acknowledged it; though he may not have been as devout in his ritual worship as might have been desired, and despite his marriage, he was one of the early Jews of Louisville whose name cannot be left out of a history of this kind, and who must ever be an example for those who followed him.

The services, mentioned as the first in Louisville, in the account by Mr. Dembitz, were held on Main street, between First and Brook streets, and the Rabbi was Rev. M. Greinbaum. There was still another congregation besides those already mentioned. It was located on Green, between First and Second streets up to a short time ago, but was disbanded, and two new congregations sprang into existence therefrom. But the first firm hold of Judaism in Louisville originated in the establishment of Adas Israel Congregation and it might be well to mention the incorporators. They are:

Simon Drumm,  
Judel Bakrow,  
Isaac Bamberger,  
Marx Benas,  
Nathan Cerf,  
Abraham Schloss,  
Sampson Gundelfinger,  
Wolf Steppacher,  
Abraham Tandler,  
Theod. Housah,  
Abraham Weil,  
Mathias Zahl,  
Nathan Bensinger,  
Emanuel Bamberger,  
Simon Bamberger,  
Isaac Roggenburger,  
Moses Schwabacher,

Abraham Gerstle,  
Henry Sellige,  
Isaac Gumperts,  
Elias Hillp,  
Maier Kraft,  
Jacob Wurzburger,  
Henry Lieber,  
Mark Fais,  
Henry Maier Rosenthal,  
Henry Bissenger,  
Bernard Effenheim,  
Emanuel Stern,  
Jos. Greenbaum,  
Henry Goodman,  
Samuel Ullman,  
David Wise,  
Leon H. Weishart.

They were recognized as prominent among the early Jewish inhabitants of Louisville. Only one of them survives at the present day, but their descendants are numerous, and many of them are foremost in the commercial world of to-day. In fact, these men may well be called the founders of Judaism in Louisville. They were the pioneers in the field of Judaism, and from this seed it has sprouted into the magnificence and splendor, and the prominence it holds in the religions of the city at the present moment. The names are well known, and they never will die out so long as time lasts.

The Adas Israel congregation had its first permanent home on the east side of Fourth street, about 100 feet south of the Courier Journal building; it was a frame house sitting back about 50 feet from the pavement, was well elevated, and reached by a double flight of stairs. It was destroyed by fire in 1865. With characteristic energy the congregation started in to rebuild their House of Worship, and it was soon in a finer condition than ever before. These Jews, at the close of the Civil War, [a struggle which left its marks even upon the city of Louisville] had for many years a place of Worship, and though fire had devasted it, they saw that a Temple was necessary for them; while the country was convalescent, rather than recovered from the horrors of the war, they, nevertheless, proceeded to carry out their projects with regard to the place of Worship.

The magnificent building, which the congregation now inhabits, situated on the southeast corner of Sixth and Broadway, was erected in the years 1867 and '68, and is among the many handsome church edifices in this city. A half tone picture of the present Temple appears in another place\*, and a glance at it will show that architecturally and artistically, Adas Israel Temple is indeed a thing of beauty and an ornament to the city. It speaks not only well for the Jews as Jews, but it speaks highly of their progressiveness and enterprise as citizens in erecting such a structure to ornament Louisville.

Within the last five years both exterior and interior have been beautifully improved.

\*—Temple Adas Israel, page 159.

The first regular Rabbi of Adas Israel was Dr. B. H. Gotthelf, who continued in charge for fifteen years. In 1866, he was succeeded by Dr. Levi Kleeburg, a Prussian by birth, and a graduate of the University of Gottingen. He continued in service for eleven years, and was succeeded by Dr. Emil Hirsch, a learned divine of Philadelphia, who served them two years, and then received a call from Chicago, where he has resided ever since, and where he has attained a national reputation.

The pulpit was then vacant for one year, until 1881, when it was again ably filled by the well beloved Rabbi Adolph Moses, and he has continued in charge ever since, honoring the pulpit, and filling a valued position as a citizen of Louisville. We should like at this point to give an account of the achievements of Dr. Moses for the good of Judaism, but that has been left to our biographical section wherein the gentleman has been pictured by the photographer and the writer to the best of their humble ability.

This is a brief sketch of Louisville's foremost congregation, but it is impossible to go into an extended account of the various changes wrought from time to time, both in this House of Worship and in the others. How the Rabbis acted as Cantors, and as readers, and carried out various other duties in accordance with Jewish custom. The change was an interesting one, and might well be a subject for some eminent Jewish novelist, but we have no time for it here.

We desire to state, however, that the change was as natural as the physical change in Louisville itself. The growth was slow but sure. Some of our coreligionists of orthodox beliefs will argue that Judaism in the United States is on the wane because it is not observed by so many as it was formerly. With this argument we have nothing to do, but it is our decided impression that both the Jew and Judaism are on a higher plane to-day in the United States than they ever were before. This statement will scarcely be denied in the face of so many facts which are obvious, or if not obvious, which we can easily make so. Of course we will not deny that the Jew has not yet attained his full share of rights in the equality which is spoken of in the Declaration of Independence, but he has many more than he had formerly, and his condition is vastly improved.

Another prominent congregation in Louisville is the B'rith Scholom\*. The spiritual destinies of its members are presided over by Rev. Ignatius Mueller, a gentleman whose scholarship and character receive due commendation in another place. The Temple is located on First street, near Walnut street, and is a small, but imposing brick structure. Its construction was begun in 1879, and it was dedicated in the spring of 1880. It was an offshoot from the old Beth Israel School. The congregation is composed of many of the German element of the city, and services are held in some measure in that language, as well as in English and Hebrew, Dr. Mueller being a most profound German scholar. The first Rabbi of this congregation was Rev. R. I. Rosenfelder, who was followed by Rev. Louis Kuttner. The third Rabbi was Rev. Bidaver, who served in that capacity up to about three years ago, when the present incumbent, Dr. Ignatius Mueller, assumed the dignity and duties of its pastorate. About Dr. Mueller we have also a word to say in another section. Would that some biographer with the gift of a Boswell might write the life of such men as he and Dr. Moses! Unfortunately we had not the space to dwell lengthily upon their lives, but in such few pages as were at our command, we endeavored to do justice to a subject surcharged with interest for Gentile as well as Jew of the community of Louisville.

\*Temple B'rith Scholom, page 161.

The Congregation Adas Jeshurun, whose Rabbi, Dr. S. F. Solinger's sketch and picture appears in the biographical part of this work, is a new name for the old Beth Israel, which was started in 1851, and known at that time as the Polish House of Israel. Its charter was obtained by Dr. Bernell and a number of citizens in 1856, under the name of Beth Israel, as mentioned; and it continued under this title until it was changed to Adas Jeshurun in 1895. Several eminent Rabbis occupied the pulpit of Beth Israel: they are Rabbi Cohen, Dr. Rosenfield, Dr. Meyers and Dr. Hofield. The synagogue is located at the Southwest corner of Floyd and Chestnut streets. It has recently been remodelled, and a new ark has been placed in it. This ark is said to be one of the prettiest in the South. The Congregation contemplates buying a new cemetery, and is in a prosperous condition. It is not as reformed in its ceremonies, ritual, etc., as the other two, though it is somewhat less orthodox than the two mentioned later. This statement may seem strange to the Christian reader, because it argues different stages in the reformation of Judaism. He may believe that Judaism is either reformed or orthodox, and that there is no middle stage in the growth—we doubt if that is the exact word, though it is the very best at hand—of Judaism from orthodoxy to its present, so called, reformed state. There are some Jews who can neither understand nor appreciate this change, and cling to the idea that their ceremonial forms, *per se*, constitute Judaism, and that the departure from those traditions in such a large measure, is a departure from the basic principles, the very foundations upon which the religion rests. They argue that the dropping of these ceremonies is a departure from Judaism itself, and that the so-called "modern" Jew, is a Jew in name only. However, with the mingling of the foreign element who brought all their ideas of ritual, etc., with them from Europe, with American Jews, there was sometimes, though not always be it understood, a tendency to simplify the worship of Israel as it was handed down to us from time immemorial, and thus there gradually sprang up all over the country the reform congregations, in which the service is almost entirely in English, although there is no congregation that we ever heard of, no matter how far advanced in reformation, which has entirely dropped the Hebrew from its ritual language. And it is heard in a more or less degree in every Jewish House of Worship in the world, even the most reformed, but in some of them, in comparison with the more orthodox, its use is comparatively limited.

While some congregations have discarded a great many of the ancient rites of the Jewish Faith, others have not discarded so many, while still others have cherished and clung to as many as are possible. Thus the stages of the transformation from the orthodox to the reformed congregations can be traced, and though the Jewish religion has no hierarchy in the same sense as it exists among the Catholics, the road between the severely orthodox, and the ultra reformed is dotted with Congregations of various degrees of reformation. We might say that the semi-reformed congregation in one city may have some differences between that of another, but this is practically a platitude, as even two reformed congregations in the same city, while identical in principle, are still differentiated by a dissimilarity of service. This is true, no doubt, of many denominations. It is a matter which rests to a certain extent with the training and the ideas of the Rabbi. In spirit the services of equally reform congregations are the same; in fact, that is in the carrying out of the service, there is a slight change, which, after all, is scarcely worth commenting upon. It is only fair to the reformed Jew to state that while the devout orthodox believes that in his discarding of the synagogal

forms that he has also become less a Jew, this self same reformed Jew has done inestimable service for the cause of Judaism. The Hebrew Union College is built on Reform Judaism, and the deeply lamented Rabbi Isaac Wise, the founder of the Conference of American Rabbis, should not be termed less a Jew because he belonged to, and was a leader of, the reformed section of his religion. A Jew is a Jew whether he be orthodox or reformed, and the cause of Judaism is not divided by reformation and orthodoxy. In common danger, in common suffering, even the most orthodox recognize this, and the reform Jew has never denied it. It is not every orthodox Jew, however, who holds this theory regarding the reformed Jew, as stated some sentences above, but still, some of them do, and we give these explanations as being both interesting and apropos at this particular point in our history. The Jew is a Jew, and Judaism is still Judaism, whether it be preached by the reform or the orthodox Rabbi, in the reform or the orthodox Synagogue. Both inculcate the same ideas, both sow the same seeds, though in the sowing there is some difference. Thus have we shown the relativity of the reformation of Judaism, and especially in connection with Congregations Adas Israel, B'rith Scholom and Adas Jeshurun.

This is a brief sketch of the three principal Jewish fanes in Louisville. In connection with each of them there is a splendid Sabbath School, with ample accommodation for the religious instruction of the youth of the City. The last mentioned synagogue also has a Hebrew school, which meets three times a week, in addition to its regular Sabbath school.

Besides the congregations already mentioned, Louisville has two strictly orthodox congregations, B'nai Jacob and Beth Medresh Hagodel, whose ritual and services would be quite a revelation to the average Christian, and perhaps to the average reformed Jew, who has cast off the ancient ceremonies and customs of his race. We should like to be able to take our readers through a synagogue of this kind. To show them the intensity and piety of those orthodox Jews who worship in their *taliths* (prayer shawls), and who do not remove the headgear during the service. The ancient custom of keeping on the hat is still in vogue in many of the even semi-reformed congregations, and is a memorial of those days when worship was held in a tent or under the open sun, whose rays beat down so fiercely as to make the wearing of a turban an absolute necessity. In many of the cities throughout the country where this custom is still observed, we have heard that there is a tendency to do away with it, and in one city, directly within our knowledge, the question is voted on almost annually, and is lost by a small majority each year. It is difficult for the members of this congregation to give up this custom, as it is one of the main linkages between the strict orthodox and the reform which binds the members to their ancient ceremonials, while they still have lopped off many of the other observances of the past. In this way they are not entirely orthodox, and still not entirely reform, and thus, in many instances, as in the case of the congregation referred to, the Jew clings to a number of these ancient ideas, and yet keeps some pace with the modernity of his times, in religion, as well as in other things.

In these orthodox *schools* there is no sign of ornamentation, as display of this sort is contrary to the old Jewish ideas. The men and women worship in separate parts of the synagogue—in many instances it is nothing more than a large room—and there is no choir or music, as is the case in the reformed synagogues. The service is entirely

in Hebrew, and is chanted, the congregation making responses to the Rabbi, the words of the text from the prayer books being, to a certain extent, chanted in what, to the average person who has never visited an abode of worship such as this, is a curious tone. We have heard a number of Jewish young men and women who have visited an orthodox congregation for the first time, express their surprise at the number of ceremonies in their Faith, of which they had no knowledge, and it is no doubt known to most of our readers that the older generation could tell the younger of many things in the Jewish religion such, for instance, as the Phylacteries (Tephillum), about which the average younger reform Jew knows very little, but which is of constant use among the members of the orthodox congregations of which we speak. Thus the change between the ultra reform and orthodox Judaism is seen to be very great, despite the fact, as was mentioned previously, the two unite in the ultimate and fundamental principles of a common Faith.

Louisville is noted for the devoutness of its Jews, and from the number of scholarly Rabbis who have served the city, it might well be said that it takes a foremost position in synagogal matters all over the country, having always been ably represented in conventions, religious and charitable, and never being behind in matters relative to righteous progress in any direction. So important have the citizens of Louisville made themselves in charitable movements that one of its distinguished citizens, Mr. Samuel Grabfelder, is now the guiding spirit, as well as the president of the National Hospital for Consumptives at Denver. From the entire country this Louisville gentleman was selected for this honor, and right nobly has he fulfilled his mission. Such distinctions redound not only to the credit of the men themselves, but to the entire community. But to proceed with our history.

Among the prominent cemeteries of the city are those in connection with Adas Israel and B'rith Scho'om Congregations. These are exceedingly well managed, and great attention is given to them. They are adorned with shrubs, plants, and flowers, and have many handsome tomb-stones. These are beautiful cities of the dead. They are splendidly laid out, and are large enough for the purpose for which they are designed. They are in charge of competent men, and each congregation takes the greatest personal pride in seeing that they are kept in the best possible condition, besides which, each individual who has relatives buried in them, looks to it that the graves are regularly decorated with flowers and plants, and thus the Jewish cemeteries are splendid testimonials to the respect and veneration in which the Jew holds his dead.

This completes the purely religious history of the city. It might be added, however, that while many noted Rabbis came to Louisville from other places, the city itself produced Rabbi Samuel Sale, now of St. Louis, who has attained a most prominent place in the American Rabbinate. A glance through the biographical section of the history will show the number of scholarly men who make up the present community, and Louisville need not be ashamed of her Jewish citizens in any walk, as it has some most worthy representatives in the pulpit, at the bar, in journalism, in medicine or in commercial life. Their works and deeds have not been confined to the city itself, but, in some cases, have found a wider field, and a number of them are known in all parts of the United States.

In charities, (in which the Hebrews are everywhere prominent, it being a general impression among the Gentiles of certain communities, that there are no Jewish beggars, though the impression is by no means consistent with facts) Louisville has done much to sustain an honored name. The cause for the prevalent impression among the Christians relative to Jewish beggary is the grand systems which the Jews have adopted for the care of their poor, and from the fact, a curious one, that the Jew does not approve of one of his co-religionists soliciting alms from the Gentiles, nor does a poor Jew wish to seek others than his own people for the aid which he needs. Of course there are frauds and imposters among the Jewish race, and the Christians who would visit the headquarters of any Jewish charitable headquarters in almost any large city, would realize that they held erroneous opinions on this particular about the Jews. Louisville has a united Hebrew Association, which looks to the general relief of the race, and besides this there are societies such as the B'nai B'rith, the O. K. S. B. and the F. S. I. The United Hebrew Association is well organized and has established certain well defined and advisable rules for the handling of cases. Louisville can be said to be as ably managed in this direction as any city in the country. Many of the Jewish citizens, not having found vent for their charitable inclinations among the poor of their own people, have accepted positions of responsibility on Charity boards among the Christians, and, in many cases, have accomplished great results for the general advancement of the poor and the city. Besides all this, many of the Jewish residents contribute freely to the National Hospital for Consumptives at Denver, to the Cleveland Orphan Asylum, and to many other magnificent charities in various parts of the country. The ladies of Louisville also take an active interest in the charities, and they have various kinds of societies among themselves for the assistance of those in need.

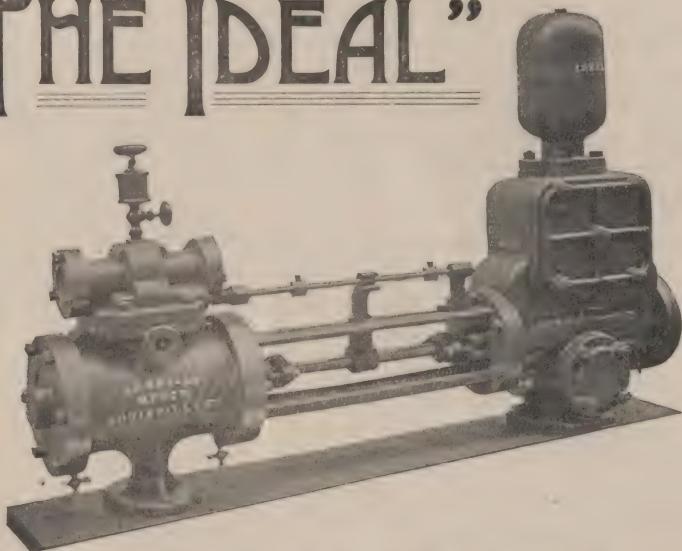
The Louisville Young Men's Hebrew Association has occupied its own building on First street between Walnut and Chestnut streets since its inception about ten years ago. The building is a three story brick one, with stone trimmings, and is in every respect a model one. It has a large gymnasium, under the charge of a competent instructor, baths, and all other requisites of a well ordered institution. Its membership numbers several hundreds, and the association affords them mental, moral, and social features. There is a fine ball room in the building, and the stage in it is large and roomy, and some of the affairs which have been given, have not been excelled by the Y. M. H. A.'s, even in the larger cities of the country. The association conducts a number of classes and is fitted up with several fine lecture rooms. Such subjects as political history, bookkeeping, etc., have been studied at the Association's headquarters with marked success. The members realize the importance and mission of the institution, and the Louisville Young Men's Hebrew Association has been praised very highly by all who visited it from other cities. The building is in charge of Mr. Sam. Kaufman, about whom we have written a few lines elsewhere. We present in the back part of this history a fine picture of the institution, (Y. M. H. A. page 163,) together with the names of its officers. This course has also been adopted with regard to the various congregations, and other buildings of note. Before leaving the Young Men's Hebrew Association we desire to state that not only the younger generation, but the long established citizens of Louisville are interested in it. It has received much

encouragement in the form of liberal donations from such men as I. W. Bernheim, and there is little doubt that the association is of great importance in the Jewish life of the community.

The social features of Louisville are led by the Standard Club, than which there are few finer, in proportion to the size of the city and size of the club itself, in the country. Its membership comprises residents of Louisville, New Albany, and Jeffersonville. The Club employs a steward at a fixed salary, and has every convenience which a modern and up-to-date social organization requires. The Standard has a magnificent ball room where on occasions are seen some of the handsomest women in the city. The beauty of Kentucky women is proverbial, and Judaism has upheld the reputation of the state in this regard. The people of Louisville are noted also, for their hospitality and sociability, and many of the affairs given by the Standard rival those given by the largest social organizations in the United States. The club building forms one of the architectural features of Louisville. Besides the regular affairs given by the members, the club is often used for weddings, concerts, soirees, etc. to which the general public is not invited. The club was founded in 1883 and incorporated in 1885. The Standard is a well managed institution and is in a prosperous condition.

From the present day, with its handsome Standard Club and splendid Y. M. H. A.—with its Temples and synagogues, with its large and massive business houses built upon Jewish industry and capacity, to those early days when the wilderness was on all sides and the Jews could be counted on the fingers, is a long time in the recollection of man, but in years it is comparatively short. In that period have all these wonders been wrought. In that time Louisville has become a proud city of a mighty nation. Its prospects for improvement have not, however, reached the zenith. There is room for progress and advancement. Let us hope that the next century will prove that Louisville having attained to its present greatness is not satisfied to stand still, but is striving, and ever struggling, not so much for conspicuousness among the cities of the world, but for that solidity and substantiality which glorifies a municipality and its citizens.

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## RABBI ADOLPH MOSES.

The Jews of Louisville have had frequent occasion to honor Rabbi Adolph Moses, and in honoring him they have only complimented themselves. The death of the lamented Dr. Isaac M. Wise has left the Louisville minister the dean of reformed Judaism in America, a position for which he is eminently fitted. In his long and useful life he reaches back to strict orthodoxy, and yet he has kept pace with the social and intellectual achievements of his own people, until he stands to-day as a brilliant exponent of the reformed faith.



For about twenty years Dr. Moses has been the beloved minister of the Congregation Adas Israel. He has made his Temple the school of a great religion; his pulpit is the organ of an eloquent faith; and he has drawn to him both Jew and Gentile, eager to hear a great, good, and learned man. His voice is always raised in the defense of every worthy cause, and his charity knows no creed. He has endeared himself to a wide circle which appreciates him as a scholar, a teacher and a leader in Israel.

The life of the scholar is usually without those interesting features which give vitality to the existence of the so called man of affairs. But with Rabbi Moses the

analogy does not hold good in its entirety. Though he is a man of brilliant mind, though he has spent considerable time within the four walls of the library, and though he is a master both of English and German, as well as having a knowledge of several other modern languages, besides being splendidly versed in Hebrew, Latin and Greek, the career of Rabbi Moses is as full of incident and interest as is that of most of our business or professional men.

The reverend gentleman was born on the third of May, 1850, in Santomichel, in the Polish Province of Prussia, and here acquired his early education under the direct tutelage of his father, Rabbi T. Z. Moses, a man of profound learning and great ability. After receiving a most thorough groundwork, Rabbi Moses went to the University of Breslau, from which he graduated with the highest honors. Even then he was recognized as having a wonderfully retentive and imaginative mind, and great predictions were made for his future by his many university friends. From 1868 to 1870 he was a teacher in the old country, and at the last named date he decided to come to the United States. Before leaving the European portion of Dr. Moses's career it might be well to mention that he served for eight months, while still a youth, as a volunteer in Naples, under the famous Garibaldi, acquiring, during this time, many qualities which have stood him in excellent stead in after life.

Rabbi Moses came from his European home well equipped for his ministerial duties, from a lofty devotion to which he has never swerved. Profoundly versed in the classics and dead languages, and an apt student of the ancient Hebrew, he found little difficulty in obtaining a pulpit in Montgomery, Alabama, almost immediately upon his arrival. He enjoyed the honor of nobly filling this pulpit for one year, when, totally unexpected to him, he received a call from Congregation Gates of Prayer at Mobile. Rabbi Moses soon won the hearts of the people of the Gulf City, and to this day he looks back with greatest pleasure to the period of his career spent in Montgomery and Mobile.

Dr. Moses remained in Mobile until he received the call to his present position in 1881. He married an estimable lady of one of the oldest families of the Alabama Gulf City, and his domestic life from that date has been an ideal one in every respect. So much was he liked by the people of Mobile, and so much did he enjoy the confidence of the hospitable Southerners that, upon being invited to go to Louisville, he at first most strenuously refused, and it was only upon the earnest solicitation of those in charge of Adas Israel Congregation, and his Mobile friends, (who, though they wanted to have him stay, yet looked to his interests above their own, so much did they like him), that he finally consented to go to Louisville.

Always an indefatigable student, Dr. Moses entered with a zeal characteristic of the man, upon the study of medicine almost upon his arrival in his new field of labors in the city of the Blue Grass State. Faithfully and efficiently did he labor, and when he graduated from the Louisville College, with the degree of M. D, he was the recipient

not only of the degree, but also the highest honors which the institution could confer upon him.

Versatile and talented, journalism has also been enhanced by his efforts and for many years he aided in making the *Zeitgeist* of Milwaukee, one of the leading Jewish journals of America.

Many of Dr Moses's sermons have been published and have been read with wide interest all over the country, but besides these contributions to the religious literature of the day he has published other works, noticeably among them being "The Religion of Moses," a book which has received the highest encomiums of the press, and the appreciative acknowledgement of cultured readers.

Rabbi Adolph Moses stands on the broad liberal plain of Judaism, and from its lofty heights he views the surroundings, not as the visionary, seeing the world through a mist of enchantment and illusion, but as a practical man who knows actual conditions. He is Louisville's foremost Rabbi, but he also stands in the community as one of the city's best citizens and noblest men. He has shown his civic pride on many occasions, and stands firmly and strongly for what is to the highest benefit of Louisville's loftiest aims and ideals.



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Louisville Rabbis are noted for the scintillence of their intellects all over the country. And not only do they possess brilliance of intellect, but they possess breadth and comprehension of mind as well. They are not only men of showy mind, but they are men of the deepest erudition. This is truly so of Reverend Ignatius Mueller, Ph D., the Rabbi of B'rith Scholom Congregation. It is almost marvelous that in these



days when the average man has no time or inclination to acquire great learning himself, though he admires it in others, that there should be men who, while they do not neglect the ordinary amenities of life, and who are of, as well as in the communities in which they dwell, are yet able to keep up the profoundest scholarship—to dive deeply into the wisdom of the ages, and to lead lives in consistence with the great learning which is theirs.

Without being bookish, and yet being wonderfully learned, without being cold in demeanor and distant in his contact with people, and yet being a student such as is

rarely found, Dr. Mueller is a man who is beloved by all—beloved because of his broad sympathies, and his good fellowship with all. He has been intimately connected with every charitable movement since his arrival in Louisville. He freely devoted his time to mingle with his congregation, and as a citizen none hold a higher or a worthier place.

Dr. Mueller possesses a mind of marvelous scope, and his sermons are marked with religious fervor happily combined with much that interests and instructs. He looks upon the synagogue as a means to a higher and a holier end—goodliness and Godliness. He looks upon life as a heritage from on high—a bequest with which man should make the most in his power. And Dr. Mueller carries out in his own existence the beautiful sentiment we have just mentioned. His life has ever been for the uplifting and the benefitting of humanity.

Dr. Mueller was born in a hamlet of Hungary. He was prepared by private tutors, and entered the "Roman Catholic Gymnasium" in the city of Kocskemet. He passed through the Gymnasium with high honors, showing then that he possessed a mind receptive and retentive of the most difficult studies. He left Hungary and went to Breslau, Germany, where he entered the Rabbinical Seminary, and at the same time took a classical course at the University of Breslau. He remained in Breslau one year and went to Berlin, where he studied at the "Hochschule fuer die Wissenschaft de Judenthums," and at the Berlin University. He remained in Berlin for five years, storing his mind with great knowledge, and acquiring one of the finest educations within the scope of a man's powers.

When Dr. Mueller had finished his course of study in Berlin he received a call to go to Leipzig as a religious teacher. He accepted, and in conjunction with this position he managed also to attend the lectures at the University of Leipzig. From Leipzig he came to the United States. This in brief is Dr. Mueller's career previous to his arrival on the shores of the new world.

Soon after his arrival in the United States, Dr. Mueller became the teacher of the Bible and the Talmud in the Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati. After two years he accepted the pastorate of the congregation B'nai Israel at Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he was also professor of German, Hebrew and Latin of Kalamazoo College, a Baptist Seminary. After five years he went to Des Moines, Iowa. For almost six years he was the Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Yeshurun of this place, and also professor of German at the "Highland Park Normal College."

Since Dr. Mueller's arrival in Louisville he has been a close friend of Rabbi Moses, and the two have done much for Israel in the city of Louisville. Dr. Mueller has published several booklets in the English and the German languages and writes for several papers in Germany. He is a regular contributor to a number of Jewish papers, and has written a number of essays and other matters for the secular press.

His sermons have often been printed in the daily papers, as well as in the regular Jewish journals of the country.

A more noble exponent of Judaism than Dr. Mueller could not be found. His enthusiasm for his religion and his devoutness make him a worthy leader among his people. He is earnest in manner and speech, but it is rather the earnestness of the high minded man, seeing that he has a duty and a mission to perform, than the man who is immersed in his own selfish interests and impressed with the greatness of his intellect and the largeness of his learning. Dr. Mueller is a master both of English and of German. In writing his style is fluent and graceful, and his diction is classically free from impurity both of thought and of expression. In the pulpit he is a zealous advocate of all that is highest and best in life and religion. He invites one to worship not alone with the heart, but with the intellect as well; he shows one the Almighty, not only in the Bible, but in the manifold beauties and wonders of nature. He is a splendid representative of that oft quoted and much abused phrase, "A gentleman and a scholar." He is by nature and by training a gentleman, and he has been endowed with a capacity for scholarship rarely given to one man. Though he has been university bred, yet he views the world as his school, and while he looks deeply into books, he also looks deeply into his environing life.

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Solidly equipped to be an expounder and preceptor of the Faith of Israel, Rev. Dr. S. F. Solinger has been the Rabbi of Adas Jeshurun Congregation for several years, and previous to this, from September, 1888, to April, 1891, was the minister of Beth Israel Congregation, then known as the Green street Congregation of Louisville.

The gentleman is a doctor of medicine as well as of Divinity, and took a four years course in medicine at the University of Western Pennsylvania at Pittsburg from which institution he graduated with honor on March 25th, 1897. This course was taken while he was serving as Rabbi of The Tree of Life Congregation of that city.

Dr. Solinger was born in Tauroggen, Russia, September 29th, 1860. He studied



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Hebrew literature, The Talmud and the essential principles of Judaism until his twentieth year, when he went to Germany, where he became the reader and teacher at the congregation of Mehlack in East Prussia. He remained there two years, and then came to the United States. From August, 1882, to August, 1885, he was the Rabbi of Bene Jacob Congregation of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania. From August, 1885, to September, 1888, he was at the head of Beth Israel Congregation in Cleveland, Ohio. It was after this that he came to Louisville as already told above.

Though Dr. Solinger has received many calls he remains faithful to his charge in Louisville, where besides officiating at the synagogue he also practices his medical profession.

The doctor is Chaplain of Phoenix Lodge I. O. O. F. of Louisville, and is the Medical Examiner of the Dreyfus Lodge, Knights of Joseph.

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## ISAAC WOLF BERNHEIM.

One of the most accomplished merchants and most sagacious business men of Louisville is Mr. Isaac Wolf Bernheim. So well is he known to almost every man, woman and child of the city, that a history of his life scarcely needs the telling, and yet it is worthy of almost infinite reiteration, as it is replete with the greatest and grandest lessons which a human life can inculcate. Well is the history of Mr. Bernheim worthy of study, for it is a manifestation of many of our ancient proverbs, and modern epi-



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grams. Such a life is a model for our younger generation, both in its past history and its present existence.

Mr. Bernheim was born November 4, 1848, in Schmieheim, a village in the famous Black Forest of Germany. His father, Leon S. Bernheim, was a small merchant in this village, and died when Isaac was but two years old. His mother was a daughter of Rabbi Bernard Dreyfuss, and his paternal grandfather was Solomon Bernheim, a soldier under the first Napoleon.

At the age of thirteen years Mr. Bernheim was compelled to give up school and become an apprentice to a commercial house. No compensation was granted him, but he learned the lessons of diligence, patience and the germ of that spirit of indomit-

ability and energy which has become an integral part of his character. Even though he worked hard during the day for the master from whom he received no other remuneration than a business training, he managed to secure the position of bookkeeper to various firms who turned over their ledgers for him to work on at night. Faithfully, and without complaint he served out his apprenticeship, after which he received a clerkship, which he held for a year when he decided to go to America.

Through correspondence he secured a position with a firm in New York. When he landed there without friends, and without a knowledge of the country or its ways—without even enough money to pay his expenses for more than a week, he found that the house with whom he had engaged himself had just made an assignment, and the much anticipated position was closed to him. Well might he have been demoralized at this bad luck at the very outset, but instead he began at once to buy a small pack of goods, and without delay he set out on foot for the great unknown West. The story of Mr. Bernheim's life at this period is an interesting one. It was in March 1867 that he began his pilgrimage, and from farm to farm, and village to village he trudged along, asking only a fair show, and paying for everything he obtained. A year later he reached Paducah, Kentucky. Here his peregrinations came to a sudden termination. He managed to secure the position of bookkeeper in a large firm, and so well did he acquit himself, that his employers soon discovered that he was a young man of more than ordinary capacity and energy. In 1869 he was put on as traveling man, and his younger brother Bernard, was sent for from Germany to take his place in the office. Ambitious, energetic, honest and progressive in all public affairs, the brothers were not long in making staunch friends. Among these was Mr. Elbridge Palmer, the President of the City National Bank of Louisville. Through the assistance of this gentleman, the brothers were enabled to start in business as wholesale liquor dealers in 1872.

This was the humble beginning of the largest distributing house of Kentucky whiskies in the United States. In 1888 the firm moved to Louisville, and somewhat later purchased a controlling interest in the Pleasure Ridge Park Distillery in Jefferson County, which they enlarged until it became one of the leading plants of the state.

Mr. Bernheim is recognized by all who know him as one of the greatest merchants ever connected with the wine and spirit trade of the country, and is a man of the broadest enterprise and superb courage. He believes in details and gives to small things an amount of attention such as few men would ever contemplate. He is a very hard worker, and stimulates those around him to continuous efforts. He has no use for the shiftless, but honest industry he never permits to escape his notice and substantial appreciation. He is a tremendous advertiser, but in such expenditures exercises the nicest discrimination. He is throughout a business man whom the city can be more than proud of.

In public affairs Mr. Bernheim exhibits a live interest, and his subscriptions to-

ward all movements aiming to promote the interests of Louisville are always large. He originated and has been the president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, one of the leading Jewish organizations in the city, and he has given much of his means to make it a success; he does not confine his charities to the Jews, however, but also gives to a large number of Christian charities of the city each year.

In 1874 Mr. Bernheim was married to Miss Amanda Uri, of Paducah, the daughter of one of the earliest settlers of that city. To her loving counsel and cooperation Mr. Bernheim attributes much of the success that has come to him in life. He has a large family of sons and daughters, and is decidedly domestic in his tastes and habits. His home life is a beautiful one, and he is envied as much for the happiness of his fireside as for the extraordinary good fortune which has attended him in his business.

The gentleman is a member of many Jewish organizations, and in 1896 was made an honorary member of the Commercial Club, showing the high appreciation in which he is held.

Besides being one of the best posted business men in the city, Mr. Bernheim is an omniverous reader, and is especially fond of history. He is a pleasant, easy conversationalist, and what he says even in the course of ordinary talk has considerable weight. Delighting in the reading of history Mr. Bernheim has had the advantage of having actually seen many of the places described in the books he has read. He visits Europe every few years, and is a most observant traveler. His accounts of his travels are always decidedly interesting, and he throws his natural enthusiasm into his narratives in such a manner as to make them glowing pictures of the scenes of which he speaks.

Mr. Bernheim is a great admirer of the life of Thomas Jefferson, and he presented the city of Louisville with a handsome statue of our Third President. The statue is most magnificent, and is the work of a famous Jewish Italian Sculptor.

Mr. Bernheim is an encourager of talent wherever it is found. He believes in helping poor boys in their struggles, and many has he most generously befriended. He is in every way worthy to go down in history as one of Louisville's brainiest and most successsful merchants, as well as its finest sample of moral manhood.



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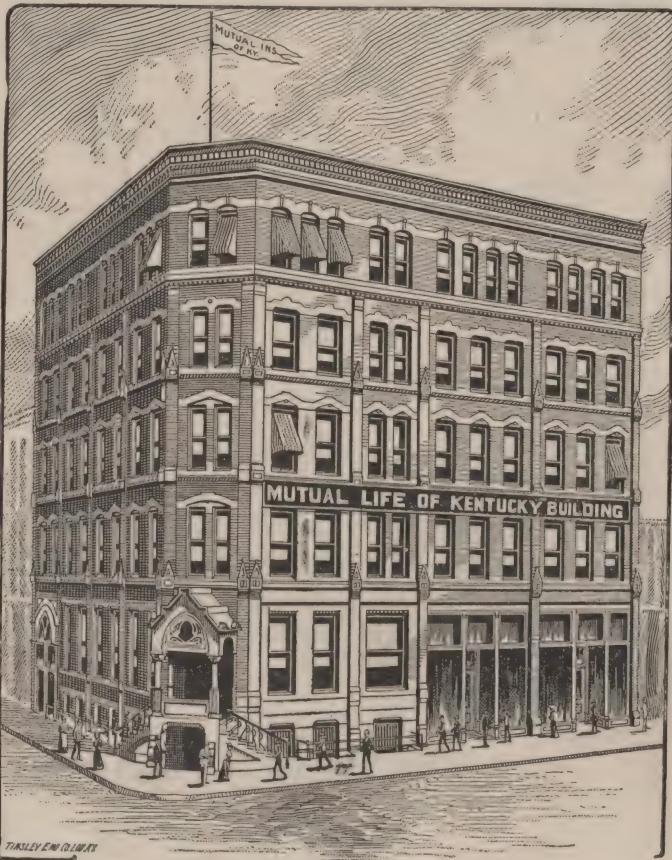
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is a man of masterfulness and force—a man who has the power and the will to accomplish much in spite of obstacles. Though he is eminently successful and stands at the top of the ladder, he can yet look back across the past and see that his life was not all sunshine and brightness. He can see much darkness and gloom—much fog and mist—much haze and uncertainty in the past. He climbed the ladder, step by step, never halting except to take breath for renewed efforts, never delaying to view the landscape as he passed, but ever intent upon reaching the top, when he might find the only rest he could seek—the rest which comes to a man when he can say to himself—"I have achieved success, and it is well done."

A picture of the man as he is to-day with some data about his early life is of interest because Mr. Grabfelder represents the best element, and the truest conception of our typical citizen. By nature genial and responsive the gentleman is always quick to respond to every movement for the public good, hence in Young Men's Hebrew Association circles he is rightfully called a pioneer, and his name is identified with its progress; taking an active interest in religious affairs, he has been for years a consistent member of Congregation Adas Israel, and occupied the Presidential Chair of the Temple for a number of years, lending to its breadth and culture the broad guage of his splendid mind. Socially, affable and cultured, Mr. Grabfelder is president of the Standard Club, and is also a member of the Commercial Club. He is also a most active member of the Board of Trade, and is a tower of strength in Masonic circles, having taken the thirty-second degree.

As a charitable man Mr. Grabfelder has a wide, though not a conspicuous reputation. He not only gives freely of his ample store of worldly goods, but he also gives liberally of his time, which is of immense value, when the cause is worthy. He is president of the Old Folks Home of Cleveland, Ohio, a most worthy Jewish Charity, and has been a generous and a most worthy friend of many a charitable institution in Louisville and elsewhere.

Mr. Grabfelder's largest charity are perhaps his donations to the National Jewish Hospital for consumptives at Denver, Colorado. He went to Cincinnati to attend the first meeting of the new Board of Permanent Directors, and was elected as President of the Board. He is one of the largest contributors to this institution. The National Jewish Hospital for Consumptives at Denver is the result of efforts made by the B'nai B'rith, and although founded and supported by Israelites it is non-sectarian in its character. In one year Mr. Grabfelder gave the Denver Hospital fifteen thousand dollars.

In every instance, whether in charity or in business or in social life Mr. Grabfelder exhibits that interest in even trivial matters which bespeaks the thoughtful man, and he is respected accordingly as a useful and valuable citizen who reflects credit upon the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In politics Mr. Grabfelder always gives intelligent consideration to matters pertaining to the public welfare, and exercises the right of suffrage, honestly and conscientiously. His immense business interests and his devotion to many charitable projects do not leave him an amplitude of time to devote to mingling in politics or holding political office, but he is a thoroughly posted man, and knows every iota of what is going on about him.

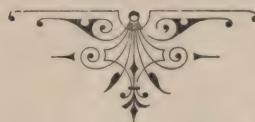
On February 13, 1870, Mr. Grabfelder was married to Miss Delai Griff of Louisville, and though he has no children his home life is a most happy one. Mr. and Mrs. Grabfelder are all in all to each other, and as in the days when love first dawned, they are still one of Louisville's model couples, affection's sway controlling their each and

every thought. In 1897 they were installed in their new magnificent home, and with proverbial hospitality they continue to delight in exhibiting those admirable traits that for years have been a feature of Louisville's social life.

And this is a picture of Samuel Grabfelder as he exists to-day. Now let us look backwards at his past.

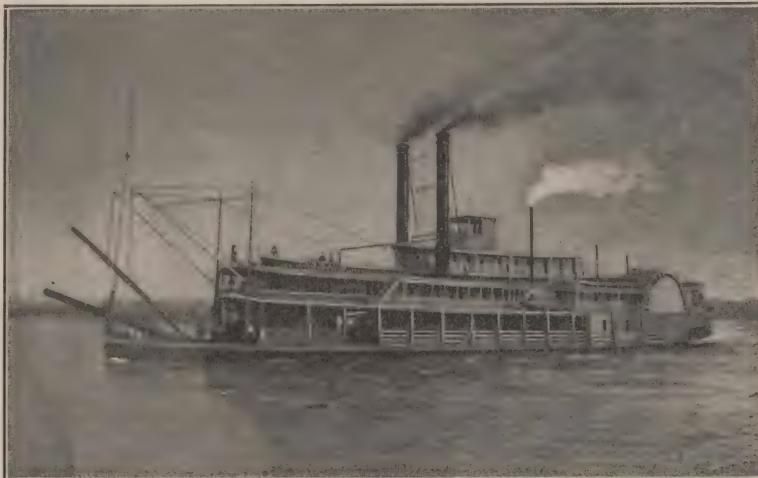
He was born at Rehweiler, in the province of Bavaria, Germany, September 2, 1844. He obtained his education in the schools of his native land, and after coming to this country attended school for awhile in Louisville. He came to America in 1856, and went to Louisville in 1857. He was dependent entirely upon his own resources, knew nothing of the language or customs of the country, and had no influential friends here to aid him and give him a start in life. In the early years of his residence in Louisville his aptitude in acquiring a correct knowledge of business methods, his industry, and his general intelligence, commended him to those with whom he came in contact, and he had little trouble in securing employment. During the civil war he held several positions, but developed into a salesman of no mean ability. For several years after the war he was employed as traveling salesman for a large wholesale liquor house of Louisville. He largely increased the firm's business, and made friends wherever he went. In 1873, having saved some money, he became a partner of the firm of L Oppenheimer & Co, and in 1879 he severed his connection with this firm and went into business as head of the firm of S. Grabfelder & Co., the firm which is so well-known in nearly every State of the Union to-day.

Thus we have presented two pictures—one of the successful man, the other of the struggling young man. We have seen how industry and capability evercane all obstacles and won the goal of success. It is a simple lesson, and yet a deep one, and well may the citizens of Louisville take off their hats and do homage to such men as Mr. Simon Grabfelder.



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Louisville can well be proud to number among her citizens such a scholarly gentleman as Lewis N. Dembitz, a man whose name and fame have spread over the whole country, and whose books are masterly contributions to the legal and Jewish literature of the age. Mr. Dembitz has been engaged in the practice of law in Louisville since 1853, and since that time has built up an extensive practice, confining his work principally to commercial and real estate cases. For four years, from 1884 to 1888, Mr. Dembitz was attorney for the city for tax cases, but has never held any other city office.

Mr. Dembitz was born in Zirke, in the Prussian Province of Posen, in 1833. He is the son

Photo by Asmus. Half-tone by Heybach-Bush Co. of a physician who pushed him early in the classics and mathematics, so that in 1848 he graduated from the Gymnasium (high school), at Glogau, and in the following winter he attended the law lectures at the University of Prague. Mr. Dembitz never attended a Jewish school of any kind, but received private instructions in the Talmud while in Glogau.

In 1849 he came to America with his father and studied law at Cincinnati and at Madison, Indiana, moving to Louisville some few years later, engaging for a short time in the newspaper business, but soon abandoning this for the law, in which he saw his brightest future. This training in newspaper work, however, stood the gentleman in excellent stead later when he began serious writing, giving him knowledge of the practical details of publishing which are invaluable to him.

In 1858 Mr. Dembitz married his cousin, Miss Minna Wehle, and their union has been a most happy one, two sons and three daughters now gracing their beautiful home.

For many years Mr. Dembitz took a most active part in politics, being up to 1894 a staunch Republican, but splitting with his party at that date on the issue of Free Trade, he joined the ranks of the Democrats, with whom he affiliated for the ten years following. In 1860 he was a delegate to the National Convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln, and he has always been a power of strength in the political history of Louisville, believing it his duty as a citizen to watch over the city's interest and see that the best men were given charge of political offices.

Among Mr. Dembitz's literary works are a book on "Kentucky Jurisprudence," published in 1889, a small volume, "Law-language for Short-handwriters" (1892), two large volumes on "Land Titles in the United States," (1895). Besides all this Mr. Dembitz wrote a great deal in the way of pamphlets, magazine and newspaper articles, partly on Jewish subjects and partly on current political questions.

Under the auspices of the Jewish Publication Society he is arranging a revised version of the Exodus and Leviticus, and in 1898 he wrote his best known Jewish work on "Jewish Services in Synagogue and Home," a work well known all over the country. He is also preparing most of the articles on Talmudic Jurisprudence, which will appear in the Jewish Encyclopædia, now in process of publication by Messrs. Funk and Wagnalls of New York.

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kind of manner, of speech and of thought

Bernard Bernheim was born in Schmieheim, Germany, December, 1850. His first business venture was at the age of fifteen, when he was apprenticed to a dry goods merchant. He later began the study of law, but gave that up to come to the United States in 1870 to accept a position as bookkeeper for the wholesale liquor firm of Loebe, Bloom & Co., of Paducah, Ky., for whom his brother, I. W. Bernheim was about to go on the road. Mr. Bernheim remained with this house—one of the largest liquor firms in the State, which is still in existence—for two years, when in conjunction with his brother and Mr. M. N. Uri, the firm of Bernheim Bros. & Uri was started. The success of this firm, though it started in a most humble way, was marked from the outset. In 1888 the firm was dissolved, and the firm of Bernheim Bros. was established in Louisville, Bernard Bernheim is a most active member of the firm, and pays careful attention to the minutest details.

Eminently satisfactory as a business man, Mr. Bernard Bernheim has won the esteem of his contemporaries in commercial circles, and has filled the full measure of citizenship in all the relations of life. Fond of travel he makes frequent trips to Europe, accompanied by his family, and although he is a man of quiet tastes and entirely free from ostentation, he has a wide circle of friends in social life.

He is a liberal donor to charity without regard to creed or church, and is one of those citizens who spread sunshine about them. He is a member of Adas Israel Congregation, a Director of the Newsboys' Home, and a director also of the Agricultural School of Pennsylvania. He is identified with various corporations as a stockholder, and is President of the Pleasure Ridge Park Distillery Company.

In 1882 Mr. Bernheim married Miss Rosa Dreyfus. They have three children, two sons and one daughter.



ed man. Since the formation of the immense firm of Bernheim Bros., Mr. Bernard Bernheim has been one of the influential members thereof, taking an equal part in the commercial life of the city with his brother, Mr. I. W. Bernheim. Mr. Bernheim is a man of character and determination. He is progressive, energetic and forcible, yet

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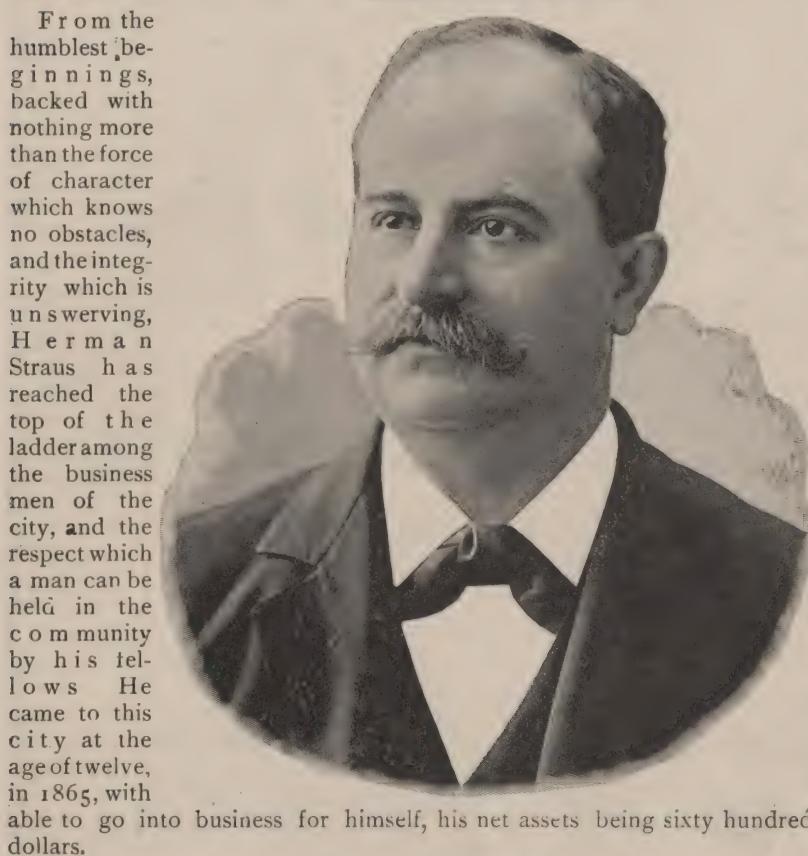
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In his youth he formed the acquaintance of Mr. Aaron Kohn, and the friendship has been a lasting one, of which both have been very proud.

In 1878 Mr. Straus removed to a small store, the original sight of the magnificent structure he has reared as an evidence of his faith in the progress of Louisville and its enterprising people. Previous to this he had taken in Mr. Samuel Weis as a partner, but before taking the store just mentioned he sold out to this gentleman. For some time Mr. Straus had his home over his store, and it is with pride that in his commodious home at present he can look back to those days when his life was so much of a struggle.

In 1876 Mr. Straus went to the Centennial in Philadelphia, and there met Miss Sarah Greenbaum whom he fell in love with and married.

When the mammoth fire destroyed a great deal of his large stock of goods, the insurance companies paid him sixteen thousand dollars more than the amount of insurance carried, and through the influence of Mr. Kohn the stock was not sold in Louisville. Mr. Straus has some three hundred employees, and some of them remained with him throughout the whole time. Among the valued employees of the store is Mr. Staar, a member of the firm of Staar Bros., who befriended Mr. Straus in the days of his youth.

Mr. Straus is a member of the Temple, the Standard Club, the Y. M. H. A., the B'nai B'rith, the O. K. S. B., the F. S. I., and others.

His home consists of himself, his wife and four children, and the little daughter of his wife's sister who died in New York, leaving a then thirteen month old girl for the Straus's to raise.

Mr. Straus is a loyal Jew and glories in his Jewish ideals.

his family, consisting of his parents and nine children of which he was the third eldest. The family for a while lived in one room and a kitchen. They arrived in Louisville on Tuesday and by Wednesday Herman Straus had secured a position with Staar Bros., then the largest dry goods house in the city. Seven years later, at the age of nineteen, Mr. Straus deemed himself

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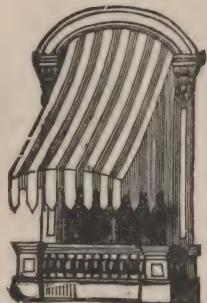
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## MR. HENRY LEVY.



The magnificent stone structure at the intersection of Market and Third streets, owned and occupied by Levy Bros., the clothiers and general furnishers, is one of the imposing sights of Louisville. Mr. Henry Levy, the subject of this biographical sketch, is a partner in this progressive business.

Mr. Levy was born in Nierstein, Germany, in 1854, and came to America in 1872. On his arrival in this country he went to school for one year, and then went into business with his brother Moses at the locality occupied by the present store. From the small beginning the firm slowly grew to its present large proportions. In 1893 the present store was built, and Levy Bros. now number 125 employees, the firm being well known all over the country.

Mr. Levy is the Chairman of the Building Committee of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, and has been his own successor annually, besides having been for a number of years the Association's Treasurer. He is a member of the Board of Trade, and on one of its Committees, and a Director of the Commercial Club. He is Vice-President of the Standard Club, a Trustee of Temple Adas Israel, a Director of the May Musical Festival, a member of the O. K. S. B., and B'nai B'rith, and a member of other similar organizations.

Mr. Levy has an interesting family, consisting of his wife and six interesting children.

Socially, Mr. Levy is a delightful companion, cultured and well informed. He enjoys the highest consideration of Louisville's citizens, who appreciate him for his sterling integrity and splendid attributes.



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A man who owes everything to his indomitable will and energy and by the gifts nature has given him has reached a high position in life, is Mr. Henry Kaufman, the head of the immense dry goods firm of Kaufman, Straus & Co. He is a man endowed with high physical and intellectual gifts, and nothing could hinder his success in life, as he had the qualities which laugh at obstacles and fight and win the battle of life.

Mr. Kaufman was born in Baden, Germany, in 1851, and went to school there. Early in life he commenced work as an apprentice in one of the largest houses in his native land, and it must make him feel proud to think when he looks back over the past, that now he is at the head of an establishment as large, if not much larger, than the one for which he worked when he began his career.

Mr. Kaufman came to America in 1871, remaining two years in New York before coming to Louisville. It was only seven years after his arrival in the latter city, that he found himself proprietor of a small concern doing business on Jefferson street. In this humble beginning no one scarcely foresaw the immense growth which was to fol-



low, resulting in the magnificent establishment of Kaufman, Straus & Co., as it stands to-day.

It was in 1888 that the firm took up its location on Fourth avenue, and since its appearance on the leading business thoroughfare its growth has been nothing short of remarkable.

On the evening of October 26, 1891, a disastrous fire broke out in the building adjoining theirs, and in a few minutes what had been the pride of business Louisville had paid tribute to the flames, with a heap of cinders and ashes to mark the spot where the burnt offering occurred. With the characteristic indomitability of Mr. Kaufman and his partners, they had temporary quarters for the revival of their business under construction before the smoke of the fire had entirely died out. The showing made by the firm at this trying time was really wonderful, as it was the severest test to which business acumen and executive ability of the firm could be put.

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Aaron Kohn, one of the most distinguished members of the Kentucky bar, and a man who has not only the admiration of all for his legal talents, but is held in the highest esteem because of those qualities of manliness and honor which he possesses, was born in Louisville, June 22, 1854, of Jewish parents in the humble walks of life. He has no one to thank for his present position of prominence and success that he has achieved in one of the learned professions, but his own industry, brains and sterling merits.

Mr. Kohn attended the public schools of the city until he was fifteen years old, and being then called upon to earn his own livelihood and assist his aged parents, his school days came to an abrupt termination. Although he was obliged to labor most diligently at the occupation of making and selling mattresses during the day he devoted his nights to study. He attended a course of lectures at the Louisville Law School after he had saved enough money to pay the tuition, and in a year took a special examination showing clearly that he had talents far beyond the ordinary. At the age of 19 years he was admitted to the bar by a special act of the Legislature, and young as he was, he began at once upon the practice. He read law under the preceptorship of Isaac R. Green, and in 1874 the firm of Green & Kohn was one of the results of this beginning. In 1878 Mr. Kohn formed a partnership with Mr. Henry S. Barker, the firm being



known as Kohn & Barker, a copartnership which lasted for eleven years until Mr. Barker became City Attorney of Louisville. Then the firm of Kohn, Baird & Spindle was formed. Mr. Kohn has been the leading attorney in many of the most famous criminal cases in the State. For four years he was Prosecuting Attorney for Jefferson County, and during that time tried ninety-eight cases, in which he secured ninety-three convictions.

Mr. Kohn has also been prominent in politics. He was elected a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1880, and served three consecutive terms in that body. In 1894 he was elected a member of the Board of Public Works, and gave strength and stability to a function then in an experimental state.

Mr. Kohn has affiliated with almost every charitable organization in the city, and has been a member of Temple Adas Israel for many years, having served the Temple in the capacity of Vice President. He is also a Mason, an Odd Fellow, and Knight of Pythias. Although Mr. Kohn is a vigorous, powerful and determined antagonist when faced in a legal contest, yet he is a man of singularly generous disposition, seemingly incapable of bearing malice or being in any way vindictive.

He was married in 1876 to Miss Jennie Burcham of Chillicothe, Mo., and his home life is everything which could be expected from such an almost ideal gentleman.

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Among the people of Louisville, whether they be Jew or Gentile, all have the sincerest respect for Mr. Lou's Barkhouse. He is a man whom people cannot help but admire, as he has done much for the city, and has been connected with the charitable movements, giving liberally both of his time and his money.

Mr. Barkhouse was born sixty-four years ago in the town of Saxon Weimar, in Essen, Germany. He received a most moderate education, and came to America in 1848. He found himself in New York with a few dollars in his pocket, but with plenty of energy and ability to largely increase this small capital. He resided some time in Baltimore, and then in Cincinnati, but it was not long before he came to Louisville where he has remained ever since. With his brother he engaged in the whiskey brokerage business, and from this small beginning grew one of the biggest



distilleries in the state. For decades the firm has been prominent as distillers of good whiskey in a state noted for the excellence of this product.

Mr. Barkhouse has always been exceedingly public spirited. By a unanimous vote he was elected to the Louisville School Board, and for seven years he represented his district in that body, his career as an official of the Board being marked always by close application to every detail of the office.

Mr. Barkhouse is a member of the Governing Board of the Children's Free Hospital, one of Louisville's sweetest charities. He has donated largely to this institution and takes a paternal pride in its development.

The gentleman has served as president of Congregation Adas Israel, and also of the Standard Club. He is a believer in taking an active interest in the city's welfare, and was one of the incorporators of the local reform organization, and has taken a leading part in the crusade for purity in politics.

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Mr. Levy was born in Nierstein, Grosherzogthum, Germany, in 1839. He received his education there, and went into his father's hardware business as soon as he had left school. He soon gave this up for a clerkship in a dry goods house in Frankfort on the Main, but in 1857 he gave this up also for the better opportunities which he saw in promise for him in America. He first visited Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, where he spent two years. From there he came to Louisville, where he has lived uninterruptedly ever since.

Forty years ago Louisville was a town of modest pretensions, save that it was the head of navigation of the Ohio River. At that time Mr. Levy was transacting a small, insignificant business with little to back him save his energy and pluck. The rise to



prominence of the city has been co eval with the success of Mr. Levy. The humble quarters which the gentleman occupied nearly forty years ago have become the immense concern of Levy Bros., Clothiers, which graces our city to-day. The present location of the firm at the corner of Third and Market streets was assumed on the first day of January, 1866, though, of course, the store was rebuilt to meet the demands of a growing business from time to time, and in 1893 the present structure was erected.

Mr. Levy is a director of the Cleveland Orphan Asylum, and is a member of the Temple, the Y. M. H. A., the O. K. S. B., of which he was Vice-President, the B'nai B'rith, the Board of Trade, the Commercial Club, the Standard Club, and a number of others.

Mr. Levy has two children, his son Frederick being a valued member of his father's business, and giving indication of having inherited Mr. Levy's great business ability. Mr. Levy's daughter is Mrs. E. S. Tachau, of Louisville. Mr. Levy is a very charitable man, and every Thanksgiving the firm gives checks to various charities.

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Charles Goldsmith was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1845. He is the highest type of the Jewish American, being both devoutly and sincerely Jewish, and strongly and firmly loyal to the country of his nativity and its institutions. Mr. Goldsmith is the son of Louis Goldsmith and Sophia Fecheimer, both indigenous Bavarians, and though he is from a long line of European ancestors Mr. Goldsmith is one of the most splendid representatives of American manhood.

At the age of eighteen Mr. Goldsmith graduated from the Woodward High School in Cincinnati with the highest honors. After his graduation he went into the dry goods business with McAlpin, Polk & Co., and later in the tannery industry with his uncle, the late Jacob Elsas. His next venture was as a partner in a large importing house, but in 1878 he removed to Louisville and became a member of the firm of Bloom, Goldsmith, Tachau & Co., which went out of business in 1886.

Mr. Goldsmith then became credit man for Bamberger, Bloom & Co., a position which he filled for ten years. Later the gentleman's business ability, integrity and social position attracted the notice of the Aetna Life Insurance Co., and he accepted a decidedly flattering offer which was made to him by the company of which

he is now a special agent and Superintendent of agencies.

Mr. Goldsmith married Miss Helen Bloom, the daughter of Nathan Bloom whose memory is revered by all Louisvillians.

While still a bachelor in Cincinnati, Mr. Goldsmith was elected President of the "Phoenix," the leading Jewish club of that city—

an honor never before given to an unmarried man. For thirteen years he was Financial Secretary of the Hebrew Relief Association.

In Louisville he was elected president of Temple Adas Israel, and was president of the Standard Club for three consecutive terms. He was also the chief executive officer of the Temple Fred. Kindergarten. Mr. Goldsmith is broad minded and liberal, and besides taking great interest in Jewish charities and affairs he devotes some of his time to good deeds in other directions, and is deeply interested in that ideal philanthropic movement, The Neighborhood House.

The city of Louisville can claim no more public spirited man than the subject of this sketch. He was a director in the Louisville Southern Railway, in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Kentucky, and from 1884 to 1886 of the Southern Exposition. He was also vice president of the Fall Celebration for several years.



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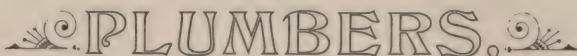
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Mr. Block was born in Schoefleisch, Bavaria, in 1845, the eldest of numerous children, being required at an early age to aid in their and his parents' support. He attended school but three years. It is not, however, the length of time spent in the school room

w h i c h counts, but character rather than education is the vital factor in this world. In 1854 the Block family came to the United States, and after essaying various occupations among which was selling newspapers on the streets, Mr. Block found himself a bill clerk with the dry goods firm of S. Ullman & Co., at

the age of nineteen. He saved a little money, and at twenty went into business for himself at Lancaster, Ky. He soon returned to Louisville, though his venture was far from unsuccessful, and went into business with his father, conducting the "Lower New York Store" at the corner of Tenth and Market streets.

In 1880 Mr. Block associated himself with Mr. N. S. Frankel in the liquor business, conducting a commission and wholesale establishment under the name of Frankel & Block, which continued until 1887, when Mr. Block took his son into partnership, and formed the well-known whiskey house of N. F. Block & Son.

Socially Mr. Block is most highly esteemed. For upwards of twenty years he has been a trustee of the Congregation "Adas Israel," and for four consecutive terms occupied the presidential chair of this religious body. He is a Mason and a Past Master in one of the lodges. The B'nai B'rith and Kesher Shel Barzel have also in him a staunch member. Mr. Block has been a director of the Young Men's Hebrew Association for a number of years, but in 1897 refused to serve another term in order to give a younger member a chance.

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Twelve years ago the gentleman came to Louisville as the junior member of the firm of Kaufman, Straus and Company. The association formed more than a decade ago still continues. Not so the business interests of the firm. From very small proportions the establishment has grown until to-day it occupies a position in the vanguard of the industrial procession.



Though Mr. Morgenroth is the highest type of a successful business man, and though he has conscientiously devoted his life to the acquirement of knowledge along the line of his business, yet he is a widely travelled and well read man. He has been in Europe many times, and his accounts of his travels are most interesting. On one of his trips the steamer was wrecked, and Mr. Morgenroth tells of his experience in a most delightful and enjoyable manner. He is a splendid conversationalist, and has the power of saying much briefly and concisely.

It has been stated that Mr. Morgenroth's best biographer would be almost any one of the many clerks in his employ. Any one of them could and would tell of his considerateness, his fairness and his strict adherence to rigid duty—any one of them would gladly exhaust his vocabulary in singing Mr. Morgenroth's praises. This is also the opinion of the entire community, and it is based on foundations of truth.

Mr. Morgenroth stands in the forefront among our most progressive and honored citizens, taking an active interest in everything which tends to promote the city's welfare, and being proud of the growth of our institutions. He is a member of a number of Clubs, and his name is always found among the first in connection with any public enterprise.

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Mr. Rosenheim was born in Bavaria in 1840, and came to the United States at an early age. His first American occupation was in the cigar trade in which he labored until 1860, when he opened a tobacco business on his own account. Mr. Rosenheim did not come to Louisville until two years later, when he went into the clothing business as a member of the firm of Rosenfield & Co., retail clothiers at



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Mr. Rosenheim's wife was a Miss Amelia Waldheimer. The couple have three daughters and one son.

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Mr. Bakrow was born on the 23rd of February, 1854, in the city of Louisville. His early life was spent here, and when he reached suitable age he entered the public schools, and continued as a pupil until he graduated from the high school. He then entered a business college, and after he had gone through the prescribed course he was fully capable both by education and natural ability of filling almost any position in the commercial world.



At the age of twenty he accepted a position with the whiskey establishment of J. Simons & Co., and remained with the firm eleven years, during which time he demonstrated his eminent capacity as a man of business, and one who was bound to rise to the top in any work he undertook. In 1885 he left this firm to embark in business on his own account, and his present high standing in the mercantile world, gained through hard, earnest and conscientious work, speaks volumes to prove that the gentleman is made of the material which cannot help but make a man successful. Today Mr. Bakrow stands as one of the representatives of Kentucky's leading industries, and he has amply merited all the good fortune which has befallen him.

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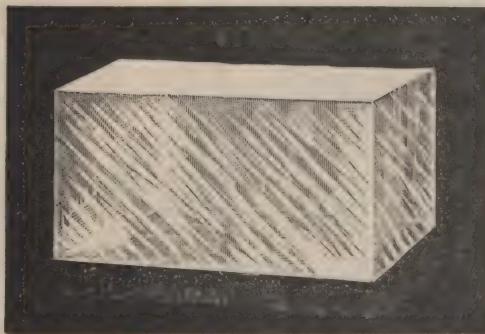
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Lafayette Joseph was born in Gallatin, Kentucky, in 1843. At the age of seven he came to Louisville, where for five years he attended the Louisville schools. His career at school was then interrupted by four years spent in the dry goods establishment of Hyman, Uri & Co. His books were then resumed, and a classical course at Asbury (now DePauw) was prosecuted. Matriculating at the University of Louisville Law Department he received the diploma of the school in 1866 and from this period dates the beginning of his brilliant legal career.

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Mr. Seligman, though under age required by law in a circuit judge, has by choice of the litigant parties, presided as special judge in a number of important cases in the various branches of the Circuit Court. Upon such occasions even the losing parties have joined in the general regret that his sojourn upon the bench was only temporary.

Mr. Seligman is one of the founders and also a director of the Newsboys' Home in this city. He is also a trustee of Temple Adas Israel, is a member of the Standard



Club, the Elks and the Masons, and is affiliated with a number of other sociable and charitable institutions, both Jewish and gentile.

Though Mr. Seligman has never held a political office, and though his professional duties require so much of his attention that he has little or none left which he can devote to an active interest in affairs political, yet he took the stump in 1896 under the auspices of the Gold Democracy, and made a number of speeches throughout Kentucky and Southern Indiana. During the campaign he met some of the ablest speakers in the State from the opposing faction, and by his skillful arguments, and eloquent manner he contributed in no small degree to the transfer of Kentucky from its position in the Democratic to the Republican column, which occurred that year.

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Levi Moses was born in Ebblesasser, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, February 28, 1826, receiving his education in that small town. In his twenty-fourth year he immigrated to the United States, coming at once to Louisville. His sole capital was his



brain, push and energy, with which he was bountifully endowed by nature. Having learned the trade of tailoring in the old country he followed that vocation in Louisville until 1855, when he entered mercantile life at Market street between Seventh and Eighth, remaining at that location for thirty-five years, during which the splendid reputation which he gained for honesty and reliability has seen its equal in but few men.

In fraternal, benevolent and charitable work Mr. Moses is prominent. He is a member of the B'nai B'rith, and is a director of the Cleveland Orphan Asylum, besides belonging to other organizations. He is beloved by all.

One of the happiest times of Mr. Moses' life is to be at home surrounded by his children and grandchildren who idolize and are idolized by their grandparents.

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Dr. Isador Nathan Bloom was born in Louisville, October 27th, 1858, and attended the public schools and high school of this city, showing in early life the marked proficiency in scholarship which have characterized the man throughout his later academic university training and professional career. While at the high school he evinced a decided inclination for the study of medicine, and at the close of his junior year at this institution he went to take an academic course at Yale College, believing it better to get a general educational foundation before beginning the specialty of medicine which he desired to adopt. In due time he graduated with high honors, and the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Yale College. He immediately entered upon his medical course at the Harvard Medical School, believing that this university gave him more

opportunities for the study of medicine than his Alma Mater - Yale. In 1881 he received his diploma as Doctor of Medicine, and then began his serious work in acquiring higher knowledge of the intricacies of his profession. He went to Europe and spent three years in the finest clinics of the Continental Capitals, principally, however, in those of Vienna.

vision of Professor Kaposi. After this training he again returned to Louisville, and devoted himself with such assiduity to the practice of his profession that to-day he is one of the foremost dermatologists of this country. Dr. Bloom is a member of all the leading medical associations, and since 1895 has occupied an important chair in the University of Louisville, having been for over ten years on the staff of the City Hospital, being connected also in his official capacity with a number of charitable institutions. He is one of the founders of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, and is a member of the congregation Adas Israel, the B'nai B'rith, the Pendennis, Standard and Filson Clubs, and other similar organizations.

In 1886 Dr. Bloom married Miss Fannie Corinne Pexiotto, the daughter of Hon. F. P. Pexiotto, late minister from the United States to Roumania. Mrs. Bloom comes from a family noted for generations for its beautiful and talented women, and she is no exception. Years of travel in foreign lands, and association with masters in art and literature have afforded her rare opportunities, and made her well fitted to grace the home and be the companion of such a highly educated man as Dr. Bloom.



He returned to Louisville in 1883 and associated himself in the general practice of medicine with Dr. Samuel Brandeis.

Though his success from the start was nothing short of remarkable, yet he soon recognized that the practice of dermatology offered the widest field for his talents, and he thereupon returned to Vienna and studied for a year under the super-

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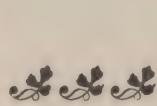
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Mr. Loevenhart attended school in Cincinnati, but later went to Knoxville, Tenn.,



and continued his education at that place. When the battle of books gave place to the harder and fiercer battle, Mr. Loevenhart selected Columbus, Ohio, as the first field of his contest. He embarked in the clothing business, and though he has changed the location of his existence he has been true to this line of industry since the beginning. A short stay at Columbus was followed by a longer residence at Lexington, Kentucky. Then he went to Fayette, and the people there had ample opportunities to know the value of the man, for he remained with them for thirty years, after which time he came to Louisville.

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Mr. Hirsch was most instrumental in bringing the G. A. R. Annual Reunion to Louisville in 1893. He went to Pittsburg much earlier with that object in view, and how



well he succeeded every one knows. This was the first time a Southern city entertained the Grand Army of the Republic. He was elected to the directory of the Commercial Club when the treasury was almost depleted and its membership decreasing. Soon a remarkable boom appeared in the Club's affairs, and it is not unfair to the others to attribute the change to Mr. Hirsch's zeal and ability in creating enthusiasm.

Mr. Hirsch was elected to one of the highest offices in the gift of the Traveller's Protective Association, and right well did he conduct himself in the conduct of this dignity. Mr. Hirsch was chairman of the Executive Committee of the Elks during the Carnival held in October, 1899, and it was largely through his efforts that the great results were obtained. The Carnival netted \$22,000, when the most sanguine only expected that the result would be in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

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Mr. Mendel came to the United States at the age of fifteen with little save his integrity, pluck and practical good sense to recommend him to the people in the New World. He went to the Green River Section in Kentucky, and became a trader in a very small way. By exceedingly slow degrees he managed to accumulate three hundred dollars with which he decided to open a store for the sale of general merchandise at Rochester, Kentucky. He went to Louisville, and so well was he thought of by the people in the Green River Section, that he managed to secure a credit of six thousand dollars, and he returned with this amount in clothing, shoes and other necessaries for



his venture. In a short time he was not only out of debt, but in conjunction with his brothers, Charles and Isaac, was the proprietor of seven large stores in various parts of the State.

In 1886 Mr. Mendel sold out his interests in the country stores and came to Louisville where he entered the hat business with the late Mr. L. Bretzfelder and Mr. I. E. Gosling, the firm being known as L. Bretzfelder & Co. Again fortune attended him, and the new enterprise, now known as Mendel, Gosling & Co. became what it is to day.

In 1879 Mr. Mendel was wedded to Miss Bertha Slaughter, and three bright, joyous young faces now lend sunshine to his happy home. Mr. Mendel has two sons, Masters Ura and Sidney, and one daughter, Miss Hattie.

The gentleman is a member of the Standard Club, and takes a keen interest in all affairs of the city, being affiliated with several business organizations. He never forgot those who befriended him in his youth and is to-day ever very popular among the people of Green River Section.



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Mr. Rosenham is a native American having been born in New Albany, Indiana, on October 28th, 1855. He was educated at the schools of this place, and later took a collegiate course at Moise University, from which institution he graduated with the



highest honors in 1871. He then entered the Louisville College of Pharmacy, and received its diploma in 1874, and it was almost immediately that he went into business for himself as already mentioned.

Mr. Rosenham has been Treasurer of the Standard Club for over fourteen years. He is now President of the Retail Druggists' Association, is a Director of the Masonic Widow's and Orphans' Home, besides being associated with various other organizations of a business and a benevolent nature.

Mr. Rosenham's domestic life is as bright a picture as his business success. In 1881 he married Miss Sophia Ullman, the youngest daughter of the late Samuel Ullman, and their wedded life has been one of the most perfect happiness. They have a fine son who is much comfort and solace to both his parents.

Mr. Rosenham is the highest type of successful manhood. He represents the highest and best there is in the citizenship of Louisville.



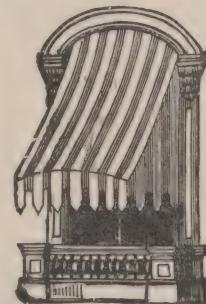
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The gentleman was born in Cincinnati, was educated there, and took his first position in that city. After his graduation from the High School his first inclination was



for the stage, as he had always shown that he possessed considerable dramatic ability, having, while still a very young man, taken a leading part in the presentation of Hamlet, in which Lieut.-Gov. Charles Anderson assumed the role of The Melancholy Dane. Mr. Heinsheimer's parents so bitterly opposed his becoming an actor that after much argument and attempts at persuasion he finally abandoned the idea.

Law also invited his early endeavors, but notwithstanding peculiar aptitude, the desire to enter the profession of the Courts was never gratified.

Mr. Heinsheimer has been in business in Cincinnati, Jeffersonville and Louisville, and in each of these places he has not only stood high commercially, but has also taken a prominent part in school affairs. For many years he acted as Secretary of Adas Israel Temple. In charitable lines Mr. Heinsheimer is most liberal, and never turns a deaf ear to any deserving charity. Mr. Heinsheimer is a courteous, polite and entertaining gentleman, and numbers friends all over the city.

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The gentleman was born at Westhoffen, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, in 1854, where his father was one of the most respected citizens, and where Mr. Mayer received his early education. He came to the United States in 1870 and went direct to Chicago, where he secured employment in a wholesale clothing establishment. He remain-



ed in the windy city for nine years. Coming to Louisville he embarked in the whisky trade, but not finding it to his liking he deserted it in two years when the firm of Hess, Mayer & Co. was organized for the conduct of a wholesale notion and furnishing goods business. The success of this firm is well known, and for a long time it was widely known throughout the South and West, doing a very large business.

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His retail millinery establishment has been one of the largest in the city for many years, and compares very favorably with anything of the kind in the South.

Besides this Mr. Lillenthal has been connected with many of the important trans-



sactions of the local trade, and has been a big factor in real estate circles, his name being a prominent one on the records of the County Clerk. In these real estate deals he has profited the city as well as himself, and several flourishing suburban localities owe their origin to his endeavors and capabilities.

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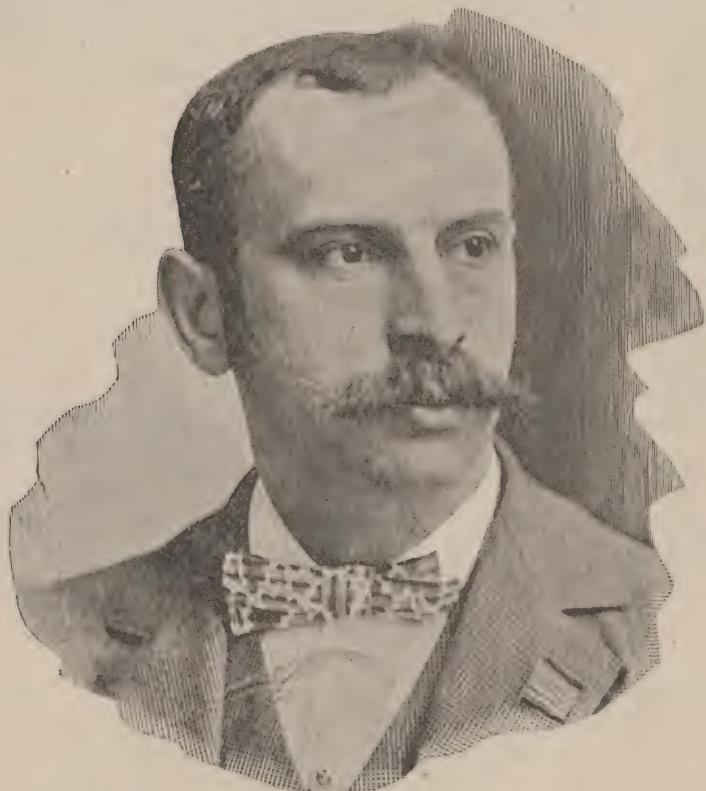
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Besides being a man fond of his business and enjoying the pleasures of social life, Mr. Hilpp is fondest of all of his home, and though the intricacies of business are his special enthusiasm, he yet comes to his home in the evening knowing it to be a haven of rest and comfort, and in the charming personalities of his wife and daughter he forgets the brain racking cares—though they be pleasant to him—of his business.

Mr. Hilpp is a member of a number of Louisville's most prominent organizations.

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The domestic life of Mr. Starr is no less felicitous than his business one. He is happily married and being naturally a man of domestic tastes and inclinations, his home is everything that it should be. Mr. Starr is possessed of those qualities of ster-



A black and white portrait of Charles Starr, a middle-aged man with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a suit and tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The portrait is set against a light background and is enclosed within a decorative, irregular border.

ling worth which are bound to make their possessor successful and respected. His characteristics are those of him who wins by honest, industrious, conscientious effort, rather than by sudden leap into fame. This does not detract in one iota from Mr. Starr's mental qualities, but on the contrary, shows that he possesses will power and determination enough to carry out any project no matter how arduous or how difficult it may be. Obstacles do not daunt such a man, nor do difficulties frighten him. He is practical and resourceful, and there is method in his ideas and their carrying out.

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Mr. Goldsmith was born in Louisville, June 16, 1873, and was educated in this city. He began his post school life as an employee of Bamberger, Bloom & Co., but after several years of connection with this firm he entered upon the study of law and was soon afterwards admitted to the bar, where his natural legal talents have the opportunities which they require. Mr. Goldsmith is a voracious reader, and his excellent service as Chairman of the Young Men's Hebrew Association Library attested well to his knowledge of books and their value.

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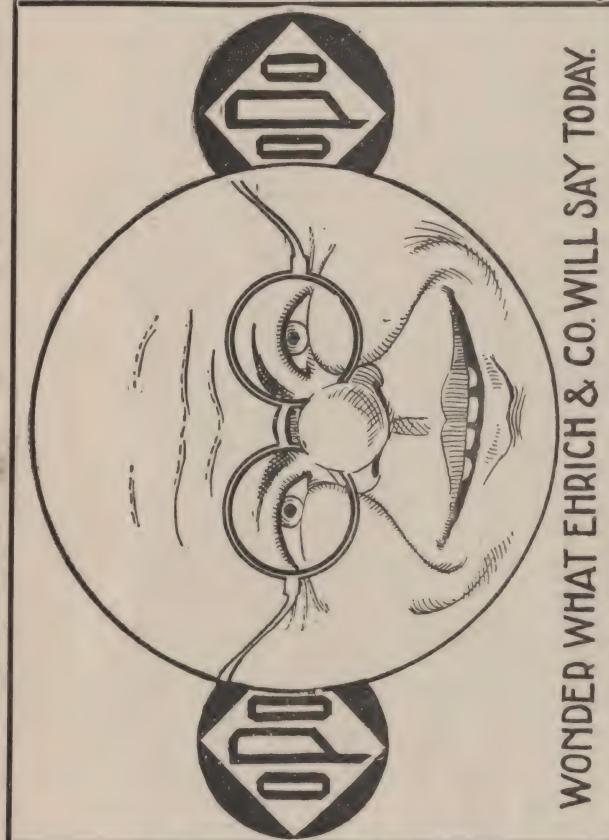
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For some twenty-five years Mr. Joseph Cohen was the Superintendent of the Adas Israel Sabbath School, and in this capacity he taught thousands of children and also such children's children. In this manner he did as much as any one man in our history to inculcate the ideal of Judaism, and the lessons of the Faith of Israel into the hearts and minds of our citizens. To his incessant, indefatigable labors is due in a large measure the success of this Sabbath School. For twelve years Mr. Cohen was a teacher of German in the various schools of our city. Almost on his arrival in this country in 1866, he secured the position of instructor in German at the Louisville Male High School, which he held for several years, resigning to accept the principalship of German of the Seventh Ward School. After awhile he became principal of German in the Eighth Ward School, and his fame as a German teacher spread all over the city, and he gave private lessons, and had several classes.



Mr. Cohen is of a distinguished literary family of Elmshorn, Holstein, Germany, where he was born on September 6, 1846, his sister, now Mrs. Minna Kleeberg, having achieved considerable renown as a poetess both in Europe and the United States. Mr. Cohen was educated in the schools of Hamburg and Elberfeld, Germany, but even in early life intended to adopt a mercantile career, though the opportunities for teaching tempted him away from his original plans for many years.

During Mr. Cohen's Superintendancy at the Sabbath School his secular employment for a large part of the time was with Bamberger, Bloom & Co. He started with this concern as a bookkeeper, but was finally promoted to the responsible position of cashier. When the dissolution of this firm occurred some five years ago, Mr. Cohen retired with his employers from the list of active tradesmen, and devoted himself to the activities of an insurance agent, in which capacity he is winning the success which his energy and industry deserve.

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## RICHARD D. BAKROW.

The subject of this sketch was born in Louisville, March 1, 1862. He attended the public schools of this city until his sixteenth year when he started in business as cashier and bookkeeper for Messrs. Kaufman, Straus & Co., with which firm he remained for one year. He then embarked in the wholesale whiskey business with Messrs. A. Rosenthal & Co., first as a bookkeeper and later as a traveller, which position he held for six years.

Mr. Bakrow then started into commercial life on his own account at 354 West Jefferson Street. This was on the twenty-second of June, 1886. The firm was then Bakrow and Goodman. After two years Mr. Bakrow bought out Mr. Goodman's interest, and for awhile ran the business alone. In 1890 Emanuel Bakrow was admitted to the firm and the large cigar importing firm of Richard D. Bakrow and Bro. sprang into existence. The business grew from humble beginnings to its present large propor-



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tions. In 1893 the branch in Seelbach's Hotel was established. A year later an additional branch was opened to the Galt House, and in 1898 the store at 244 Fourth Ave. was a part of Louisville's commercial centres. The Arena, where in conjunction with the sale of cigars, the firm conducts a billiard and pool room and bowling alley, was opened in 1899, and last year the firm made another progressive step when the cigar stand at the Louisville Hotel was established.

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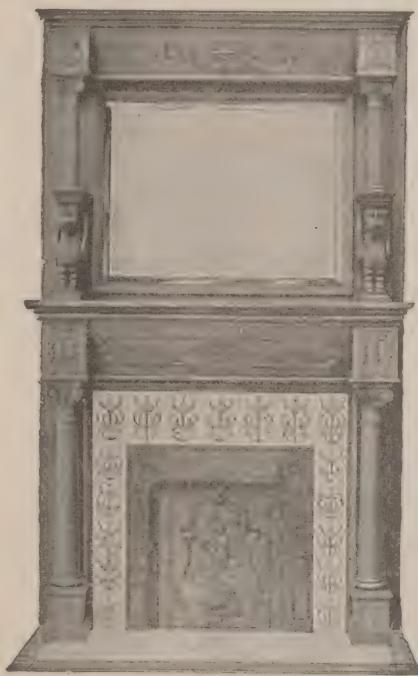
During an extended Western trip which took Rabbi Moses from Louisville during the past summer Mr. Alfred Moses occupied the pulpit of Adas Israel Congregation, and so well did he acquitted himself of the charge that he won the entire respect, not only of the community, but his proficiency and capabilities were spread abroad and commented on favorably in other places.



Mr. Moses has assisted his father in the pulpit during many holiday services, and as the two stood side by side carrying out the sacred duties of their holy mission for Israel, the majestic, mature scholarship and power of the one did not far outshine the promising, budding manhood of the other. In Alfred Moses there is the potentiality for one of our most successful Rabbis. He is devoted to his studies, is earnest, is fearless in the expression of his moral views, and is a man whom to know is to admire and like.

Mr. Moses's earlier education was in charge of his father, and that in itself is ample guarantee that when he attains to the dignity and the glory of his profession he will bring to the American pulpit such qualities as will form another gem in its diadem of virtue and grandeur.

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Mrs. Ida Goldsmith Morris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert N. Goldsmith, and was born in Louisville, October 26, 1871. At a very early age she exhibited a love of poetry, and at seven years some lines composed by her on the theme "To my Dolly" were published in one of the Louisville daily papers, and immediately the child's talent was recognized by many who read the little poem. Almost from that moment the rare gifts of the well known poetess began to develop until to-day her poems possesses a breadth of intellect and a power found in but few poetical works, except from the pens of the masters.

Before Mrs. Morris was sixteen the genius of her art was discovered by an

Eastern Magazine, and "My Lady Sleeps," which was published for the first time in Belford's gained for her a place of prominence in the literary world. Since that time she has contributed many poems and sketches of a varied character to various magazines and publications. In 1895, upon the reunion of the Grand Army of the Re-



public in Louisville Mrs. Morris was honored by an official request to write a poem of welcome to the visiting veterans, and the touching, patriotic and beautiful poem conceived by her for this occasion was illustrated and preserved as a frontispiece of the G. A. R. Souvenir Book.

In 1896 she was invited to address a wel-

coming ode to the wheelmen at the League of American Wheelmen Convention, and she has had many such honors during the course of her life.

Mrs. Morris was educated at the female High School of Louisville, and graduated from that institution in 1888 with high honors, and the distinction of being the poet laureate of her class. In 1891 she married Mr. Herman Morris, a prominent lawyer of Glasgow, Ky., where she has since resided.

Mrs. Morris's "Flower Prayer" has been incorporated into the confirmation service, and appears in the prayer books used in Chicago, Louisville and elsewhere.

Besides her literary attainments, Mrs. Morris is an artist of exceptional ability, and her creations in water and oil are fitting companions for the magnificent word pictures she so artistically and magnificently paints. Mrs. Morris cannot be claimed by any one section as her work has the breadth of the universe, but, nevertheless, the city of Louisville can well glory in the fact that it is the birthplace of such a brilliant woman as Mrs. Ida Goldsmith Morris.

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Mr. Cohn served as one of the city's Councilmen, and in this capacity he has had few superiors in zeal for the city's welfare. His own interests were always secondary when the city needed his time, and he has shown a devotion to the advancement of Louisville's progress found in but few.

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Mr. Leopold is the senior member of the well known law firm of Leopold & Pennebaker, which was organized in August, 1899, under the name of Sudduth, Leopold and Pennebaker and changed to its present name at the death of Mr. Sudduth in the same year.

Mr. Leopold was born in the city of Louisville, and was educated in the public schools of this city, the High Scoul, the University of Louisville, and later took a course at Harvard. While at this latter institution, besides being a splendid student, Mr. Leopold engaged actively in athletics, being on the La Crosse team, and also taking a prominent part in individual athletics such as putting the shot, running, wrestling, etc., etc.

During his college course Mr. Leopold showed a great liking for military exercises, and afterwards joined the famous Battery A, of which he was a most energetic member.

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In 1889 he was married to Miss Erma Heismann, at that time a teacher in the Louisville public schools. She arrived from Germany a few days previous to Mr. Ehrmann's coming, and upon her arrival passed a Governess examination with high honors, being even then recognized as a brilliant musician.

Three children, Eva, Herbert and Amy bless their union; the home life of the Ehrmann's being an almost ideally happy one.

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Simon A. Dreifus not only has, but fully merits the respect of the people of Louisville. His long and conscientious fulfillment of the office of Assistant Secretary of Temple Adas Israel, of which all the books are kept by him and the correspondence conducted through him, proves clearly his capabilities and integrity. His reappointment to this position from term to term, shows how highly he is regarded in the affairs of the Congregation, and from every indication Mr. Dreifus will continue in this active work for many years to come.

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of the world more suddenly—for the patient man knows what it is to suffer. He knows the pangs of unsatisfied ambition without the satisfaction of feeling that he will suddenly bound into prominence. He knows that it is only by slow but sure methods that he will win in the race of life. And thus Mr. Lorch has steadily pursued the even tenor of his way, neither turning to the right nor the left, nor deviating a hair's breadth from the path he marked out for himself. Such men are deserving of the greatest praise.

In October, 1884, Mr. Lorch married Miss Lillie Brunn, of Louisville, and their union has been a most happy one. They have four splendid children—two sons and two daughters.

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## • JACOB SOLLINGER.



A pride to the Louisville bar and an honor to the city, Mr. Jacob Sollinger has won the esteem and friendship of a very large portion of the city's population. At the commencement exercises of the Law Department of the University of Louisville on the 30th of April, 1897, Mr. Sollinger received, in addition to the diploma awarded by the Law Department, the senior first honor prize, a distinction made from the fact that the contest for the prize was the most spirited in the history of the university, the class one of the most brilliant that ever graduated, its membership representing Princeton, Yale and other famous schools of learning. Mr. Sollinger led his class with a yearly average of 99.5ths per cent.

Mr. Sollinger was born in Louisville, in 1877, graduated from the high school of Jeffersonville to which town his parents moved. Finding that the city of Louisville offered him the best opportunities for his talents, Mr. Sollinger came here to take up the practice of law and that he has met with deserved success is well known.

## WILLIAM FLEISCHAKER.

Mr. William Fleischaker, than whom there are few better known merchants in the city is a native Louisvillian, having been born here in 1850. He entered the mercantile world at the age of twenty-one, and his strides toward success have been nothing short of remarkable. For ten years he was associated with Mr. S. Newburger in the wholesale dry goods business, but upon the dissolution of their connection he launched out for himself as the head of a large retail dry goods store. His success resulted from his persistent and persevering efforts; efforts which could not help meeting with the victory which all of us seek. And when wealth came to Mr. Fleischaker, he remained the same unostentatious, modest gentleman as before. He is a sample of the highest type of Jew in our city, and it would be well for such writers as Zangwill or Gordon to take him as a model for their characters to show the world what splendid specimen of manhood Judaism produces.

Mr. Fleischaker is very charitable, and none deserving appeal to him in vain. He has long been a member of the B'nai B'rith and Kesher Lodges, and is an active worker in all Jewish organizations.

In his domestic life Mr. Fleischaker is especially happy. His family comprises four boys, the eldest of whom recently wedded Miss Florence Lazarus. The second son is at the present time taking a course of medicine in Europe. It is a pleasure to write of such a man, and the community can well be proud of him. His mission and life work are his claims to glory, and he is numbered among those whose characters constitute the chief pillar, whereon is founded the hope and support of our great commonwealth.



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Henry Bakrow is the son of Mr. M. Bakrow, one of Louisville's oldest and most esteemed citizens, and has inherited the considerable ability of his father, bidding fair to win the laurels of one of our most successful men. Mr. Bakrow was for many years in the office of Messrs. Oppenheimer & Co., the wholesale whiskey dealers, where his efficiency and diligence won for him the admiration and appreciation of all. He left this firm to associate himself with his brother, R. D. Bakrow, and has been a member of this firm for a long time.

Mr. Bakrow has been a director of the Young Men's Hebrew Association for two terms, and at his first election polled one of

the largest majorities ever given to any candidate for that honor. He is highly esteemed by all who know him, and by his energy and practicability has already won a name in the city of which even an older man might well be proud.

## FREDERICK LEVY.

We have had occasion to mention this gentleman as the son of Mr. Moses Levy in an earlier part of this history.

Mr. Levy was admitted to a membership in the firm of Levy Bros. in 1899, and is one of the foremost of the younger business men of the city, being identified with everything progressive and up-to-date in the business world. He keeps posted on everything concerning even the smallest detail of his business, and is manager of the second and third floors of the large store, having entire charge of the boys' and children's clothing and the shoe departments.

Mr. Levy was born in Louisville, April 18, 1876. He was educated at the public schools of that city, but took a finishing course in New York. He returned, accepted a position on the Commercial as a reporter, and for a while did practical newspaper work, which gives him much assistance in his work for the advertising part of the business in which he is now a partner. He entered Levy Bros. in 1895, and by strict application and devotion to business was admitted to the firm four years later.

He is an enthusiastic member of The Elks, and was a member of the general committee of twenty-five, and the committee on special attractions. He was appointed on the staff of Governor Beckham, receiving the commission of Colonel, being the youngest Louisvillian who was ever thus honored. He was also the youngest director of the Y. M. H. A., and was chairman of the Entertainment Committee.

Mr. Levy is married to Miss Maude Burger, formerly of Knoxville, Tennessee.



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## SAMUEL WEIS.



Rheinfanz, Germany, is the place, and 1845 the date of the birth of Mr. Samuel Weis, the well known gentleman who conducts the large dry goods, clothing and shoe store at 1610-1612 West Market street. Mr. Weis came to America in 1869, and travelled around for awhile before locating in Louisville in 1870. He engaged in the produce business, the firm being then Rosenbaum & Weis, but from 1874 to 1880 he was with the dry goods firm of H. Straus and Co. Soon after this Mr. Weis went into the dry goods business for himself, and by dint of his considerable business ability he built up his present large business, owning the building in which he has his store.

Mr. Weis was always prominent in Jewish affairs, and at present is the President of the First Street Temple. He is a member of the B'nai B'rith, in which he takes a most active interest. Mr. Weis is well liked by all, and has friends among every Jewish organization in the city. Every one knows him, and all have the kindest and friendliest feelings for him.

Mr. Weis is married and has four children—three daughters and one son. His home life is a beautiful one, and because of the qualities which Mr. Weis possesses, which made it so, he has gained the admiration and respect of the entire community. In his business he is the soul of honor, and his whole life is frank and open, his record clean and untarnished. At the Temple he is fairly idolized by the members, and he occupies the presidential chair with honor and credit.

## SIMON LION.

As Secretary of the First Street Temple for seven consecutive years without other reward than the satisfaction which results from work well done in a good cause, Mr. Simon Lion has shown the stuff of which he is made. Every member of the Congregation will not only vouch for the ability of Mr. Lion as a hard worker, but will also speak the highest commendation of his character and qualities as a gentleman. Mr. Lion is still a young man, having been born in Spiessen, State of the Rhine, near Cologne, Germany, in 1869. He came to the United States in 1883 and for awhile clerked for various dry goods firms, both retail and wholesale. In 1891 he started in the dry goods commission business for himself, and in 1895, with Messrs. J. Joseph and M. Lang formed the Gem Manufacturing Co., being its senior partner.

In 1892 he married Miss Peana Koch, the daughter of Mr. L. Koch, one of Louisville's most prominent Jewish citizens.

Mr. Lion came to the United States with three other young men. He had no relatives or friends in this country, and had to begin life at the lowest rung of the ladder. He has himself to thank for his present position in the city, and he is one of the notable examples of what a man who has the energy and grit can do to educate and advance himself without the accessories of riches or influence which so many of our youths require to-day.



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## DAVID CERF.



Mr. David Cerf was born in Louisville in 1855, and he has since then remained one of its most loyal citizens. He received but a meagre, common school education, but despite this he had the sturdiness and energy to force his way to the front, and he was not long in convincing those who knew him of his sterling merit. His first and only business venture for himself was in New Albany, Ind., where he opened an establishment for the sale of general merchandise. Later he disposed of this business and returned to the city of his nativity, accepting a position in the wholesale millinery concern owned by Mr. Herman Rieser. On the dissolution of Mr. Rieser's business Mr. Cerf entered upon his present employment of travelling agent for the whiskey house of Bernheim Bros. The story of his success in this line needs no repetition. The whiskey world

of our city well knows how this same Mr. Cerf, a mere novice, totally unacquainted with the business, has in so few years established himself so as to command a most colossal trade.

Mr. Cerf is a member of the Y. M. H. A. and the B'nai B'rith.

Kindness is his essential trait, and liberality his constant companion.

His domestic life is one of much happiness, his wife is a most estimable lady; they have four sons and one daughter.

## LEON E. HIRSCH.

Mr. Leon E. Hirsch is one of the most successful business men among the younger element of the city. He was born in Louisville in 1870, and was always identified with our institutions and citizenship. He was educated at the public schools, the Male High School and later took an academic course at college, whereby he supplemented the practical knowledge which was always part of his nature with the theoretical, which is also necessary, to a large extent, in the make-up of a successful man. After leaving college he went into business, and by dint of his ability and enterprise he was soon made a partner in the firm of Hirsch Bros. & Co. This is one of the largest firms of its kind in the South and West. In October, 1895, the site of their large establishment becoming too small, they found it advisable to remove to their present location, South West corner of Fourteenth and Grayson streets, where they have met with such enormous success that they will soon add more stories to their building and put in additional new and modern machinery.

Mr. Leon Hirsch is the travelling member of the firm, his trips extending from the Atlantic coast to the Gulf. He is a hale fellow well met, with hosts of friends everywhere he goes. His motto, "Idleness is a burden," typifies his industrious character. He not only has this as a motto, but he lives up to it, and as an example of what industry can accomplish no one can be better cited than Mr. Leon E. Hirsch.





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Among the Legion boys who returned victoriously and proudly from the campaign against the Spaniards in Puerto Rico, none came back with more deserved praise than Sergeant-Major Lewis Dinkelspiel. His career in Louisville has always been a brilliant one, and his war record is the envy of many young Louisvillians who were not fortunate enough to be able to go to the war or even get a chance to obtain such honors. But Mr. Dinkelspiel does not confine his talents entirely to his exploits as a soldier. He is one of our rising young men, whose brains and ability are undisputed. His letters to the Courier Journal during the campaign were readable, spicy and scintillant with exquisite description. In

peace and in war a community can well glory in the citizenship of such men as Lewis Dinkelspiel.

## SAMUEL FRANK.

The Jewelry business of Louisville has no more popular member than the subject of this brief sketch. Mr. Frank has won for himself a place of prominence in his field of labor, and his business probity, backed by acumen of a rare nature, have won for him a high place in the business world. Mr. Frank has been closely affiliated both with all that is best in the business world, and also with the best in the social. He has ever taken a great interest in the Young Men's Hebrew Association, and was one of its original members. He has served this institution on many of its committees, and his work as a member of the Committee on Employment was especially to be commended.

Mr. Frank is public spirited and liberal both in his patronage of things worthy and in his ideas. He stands in the front rank of Louisville's young progressive citizens, and is deservedly well liked by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.



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Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Fleischaker are one of the most popular young couples in the city. They have been but recently married, and previous to this event Mrs. Fleischaker, as Miss Lazarus, was one of the city's most noted belles. She is a woman whose hospitality is proverbial, and whose life is one of rare beauty and charm. She has hosts of friends, and none are more admired or more admirable.

Mr. Fleischaker is a young man of determination, enterprise and strong character. He occupies a splendid place in Louisville, and stands high socially. He has



many qualities which endear him to all who know him, and he has ability of the highest type.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleischaker can well be taken as the exemplification of all that is best in the civic make-up of Louisville. They are in every way a model couple, and the presentation of their likenesses and these few facts about them is entirely in accordance with the honor which they deserve, as being made a part of a history of the Jews of Louisville. Mr. Fleischaker is the eldest son of Mr. William Fleischaker, whose prominence in Louisville is a matter of record.



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In the front ranks of our citizenship, a gentleman with spotless reputation and character, stands Mr. J. B. Washer. He was born in Somerville, Tenn., March 25th, 1855, but when his mother died in 1863 the family moved to Philadelphia, remaining here for two years, then removing to Memphis, Tenn., from which they were driven by the yellow fever in 1870, going to Georgetown, Ky., and from thence to Louisville in 1882, where they have resided ever since.

In 1880 Mr. Washer married Miss Sarah M. Seelig, an estimable lady of Memphis, and two sons and one daughter have blessed their union.

Mr. Washer was educated in the public schools of Memphis until his fourteenth year, when he entered the mercantile firm of B Loewenstein and Bro., with whom he remained for several years, later associating himself in business with his father until the time of his death from yellow fever in 1873. Then he was with The Hess, Mayer & Co. for six years, and Messrs.

Schwab Clothing Co. for five years, and Robinson, Norton & Co. for thirteen years.

Mr. Washer has ever been an indefatigable worker. His industry has been proverbial, and because of his indomitable energy which knows no obstacle, and his business ability the equal of which is possessed by few, he has won his way to the prominence in the community he now holds.

## B. S. WASHER.

A young man of the most marked ability who will win an honored name for himself in the legal profession which he contemplates adopting is Mr. Benjamin S. Washer. He comes of a family of brainy people, and gives promise of sustaining the family honors from an intellectual standpoint.

Mr. Washer was born in Georgetown, Ky., September 3d, 1881, and was educated at the public schools of Louisville, graduating with honor from the Male High School, at which institution he won a medal for oratory. Graduating from here he went to Central College in Danville, Ky., in September, 1899, and in March of 1900 he won the prize for oratory given by the college. He was always fond of debating, and is a skilled disputant and rhetorician, his ability as a speaker being one of the most valuable assets which he will take with him to the bar.

Besides being a brilliant student, Mr. Washer is considerable of an athlete, and during his first year at college was President of the Athletic Club, and also manager of the football team. He believes in the old Latin phrase, "Mens Sana in corpore Sano," and endeavors to be both mentally and physically sound. The bar will receive a shining light when Mr. Washer is admitted, and the community of Louisville is certain to add another highly respected and reputable citizen to its list when Mr. Washer inscribes his name in the roster of our citizenship after he completes his brilliant education.



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## LOUIS APPEL.



For eighteen years Mr. Appel has been prominent in the commercial affairs of the city. He came to Louisville in 1882, at the age of twenty-six, to stake integrity and hustle against the confidence and coin of the other citizens, and both parties to the contract have been the gainers thereby. For eighteen years he has watched carefully over his ever growing business interests, until to-day he is one of our most successful business men. Though Mr. Appel is devotedly fond of his business, and because he believes in doing what he attempts most thoroughly, he has not with few exceptions accepted any officership in any club or other organization with which he is connected, though such positions have been again and again tendered to him. His rule in life is "What you haven't time to do well, leave alone". He is, however, a member of The Young Men's Hebrew Association, the Louisville Board of Trade, the Commercial Club, Order of Masons, Order of B'nai B'rith, B. and P. Order of Elks, and several other bodies that have probably been overlooked in gathering this data.

As a member of these associations Mr. Appel is untiring in his zeal in their behalf, but he has refused to become an officer, feeling that he was not at liberty to devote the proper attention to the details which might be required of him.

In social life the gentleman is companionable and at the same time retiring. He is a very modest man, and does not care for notoriety of any kind. His home, presided over by his wife, and rendered further attractive by three excellent children, is a veritable haven where one must go to discover what is best in the institution of Kentucky hospitality.

## MORRIS STERN.

Quick to improve an opportunity to patronize a worthy cause, and zealous in behalf of the best business and social interests of Louisville Mr. Morris Stern is a gentleman of sterling worth and great usefulness to the community of Louisville. As H. Straus's confidential man he has made a name for himself in the business world of Louisville, and has won the esteem and respect not only of those with whom he comes in close contact, but with those who must perforce unfortunately know him by reputation only. Mr. Stern is worthy of the substantial position which he holds, and by his strong, affable personality he has ingratiated himself into the warmest liking of all who know him. He is a man of many friends, and though his duties are multitudinous, yet he is never brusque or short in his manner of dealing with people. He possesses the kindness of the true gentleman.



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In social circles he also holds a high place, being pleasant, affable and refined in manner. He numbers his friends among all who know him, and is a gentleman whom to know is to respect and admire. His unswerving integrity has never been questioned, and he ranks as one of the substantial men of the city. He is deservedly placed in a modern history of the Jews of Louisville.

## ISAAC GREENBAUM.

The whiskey business of Kentucky has produced not only the best specimens of the product manufactured, but also some of the finest specimens of Kentucky manhood. Among these is Mr. Isaac Greenbaum, a gentleman whose character is unimpeachable, whose business ability has never been questioned, and who stands high in Louisville, both as a manufacturer of good whiskey and as a splendid gentleman.

He is connected with many organizations of the city, in all of which he ranks in the forefront. He holds a good place in the commercial world, and is also a man of considerable social qualities. He deservedly has numerous friends, and to know him is to like him.



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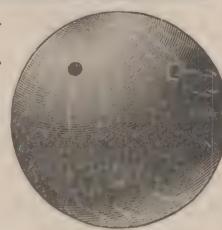
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## MOSES GRABFELDER.

The name of Grabfelder stands high in the roster of Louisville citizenship. It is a name which has weight all over the country because of the qualities of those possessing it. The subject of these brief comments is worthy in every respect to maintain the dignity and pride of his worthy name. He has made himself felt in the city and none take higher rank both in the spirit which prompts a man to lend his aid to the interests of his city even at the expense of personal sacrifice, than Mr. Moses Grabfelder. He is actively identified with almost every movement for the benefit of the city, and his connection with the Young Men's Hebrew Association has been marked by energy in its behalf, and the customary influence which he brings to bear upon everything he undertakes.

Such men as Moses Grabfelder are the pillars upon which rest the glory of a municipality. Their work is always of prime importance in enhancing the fair name of a city both at home and abroad, and it is always a satisfaction to realize that among the inhabitants of a place there exists such sturdy and manly characters as Moses Grabfelder.



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Mr. LeJeune is esteemed by everybody, and is a devoted member of the Red Men and other fraternities, and is an active participant in Young Men's Hebrew Affairs, being a charter member of the institution. He exhibits a praiseworthy interest in everything pertaining to the good of Louisville.

For some time Mr. LeJeune was head salesman in the washgoods department of the firm of H. Straus, but despite the arduous day's work through which he must necessarily pass, and the fact that he often came home tired

and in need of rest, he nevertheless spent most of his evening canvassing for and selling cigars for a local manufacturer. Such industry could not be kept down, and soon Mr. LeJeune opened a business for himself. His factory was small at first, but gradually grew to its present large proportions.

## SAM. SALOMON.

Mr. Solomon is a member of the Standard Club, the Young Men's Hebrew Association, and also an ardent member of the famed Liederkranz of Louisville. Mr. Solomon is a lover of music, and does much to feed his passion for it by going to the best concerts, hearing all the virtuosos coming to Louisville, and in other ways showing his appreciation and admiration for the art of melody.

He is thoroughly representative and keenly alive to the interests of the city, and profoundly interested in its social life, contributing to the enlargement of all spheres which tend to enhance its usefulness and subserve to the prosperity and culture of its hospitable people.



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Louisville is justly noted for its fine whiskey. It is also noted for the quality of its cigars. The gentleman who has done much to maintain the city's reputation in the latter article is Mr. Henry Levi, whose cigar stand is one of the most popular in Louisville. Whatever qualities may be attributed to a splendid gentleman and genuine good fellow, may be found in Mr. Levi. Mr. Levi is connected with several organizations of the city, with all of which he is both prominent and popular. The necessities of his business demand most of his time, but he manages to hold a deservedly established place in social circles in which his favoritism is of long standing. Both in his business methods and his social life Mr. Levi has founded his actions upon

the basis of the strictest integrity and uprightness, from which, both instinctively and in accordance with the ideas which have been inculcated in him in his early days, he never deviates.

## JOSEPH LOEB.

There are few business men in Louisville with a better reputation for sterling character and business ability than Mr. Joseph Loeb. He is at the head of a large shirt manufactory, and employs a number of working people. He has ever been in the van of the progressive merchants of the city, and his earnestness and dignity in all the affairs of life, bulwarked by unswerving fidelity to the highest and best principles. He is a man upon whom one can depend. His word has always been as good as his bond, and whether it be in business or in social life he is straightforward, and to the point. This does not mean that he is brusque in speech or demeanor, for there is no more affable man in the city than he, but he is a man of few words, and each word with him counts.

He is a member of a number of Louisville organizations, and wherever he has interested himself, there he devotes as much time, care and attention as he can possibly spare. He is whole-hearted in his affiliations, and there are few men who stand higher from the standard of moral worth than Joseph Loeb.



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The Young Men's Hebrew Association has always enjoyed his heartiest support, and he has faithfully served upon several of its committees. He has also been connected with a number of other organizations, in all of which he throws his whole heart and soul. He is a man not only entitled to the respect of the community, but to its unstinted admiration as well.

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Among the prominent citizens of Louisville's younger generation, none rank more prominently than Mr. Charles Weinstock. He is untiring in his zeal in behalf of any institution with which he may affiliate himself, and as director of the Young Men's Hebrew Association he forged to the front as a man of decided business and executive ability.

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This gentleman is but a recent acquisition to the citizenship of Louisville. He was born in Philadelphia, July 23, 1875. The subject of this sketch entered Shortridge's Academy, preparatory to a course at Princeton University. After two years at Princeton Mr. Sultzbach associated himself with his father, managing stores in Philadelphia, and also looking after the interest of the branches in New York. After Mr. Sultzbach's father retired from the clothing business, George F. Sultzbach went into the bicycle business on his own account. Owing to ill-health he made an extensive trip through Europe. He did not remain long in Philadelphia after his return, but seeing that Louisville offered splendid prospects he located here. Both the citizens of Louisville and Mr. Sultzbach himself have cause to be well pleased with this last move—the former, because they have acquired a decidedly valuable acquisition, the latter, because he has found in the city the opportunities for the proper use of the many business and social qualifications which so highly recommend him.



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In society, in business and in club affairs Amos Bensinger has always been a prominent figure. He has not only lived in Louisville all his life, but for the greatest portion of that time has been a prime favorite in the circles above mentioned. He has been identified with the Young Men's Hebrew Association in a most thorough and withal a modest way. His work for the association has not been of the blantant and loud talked sort, but by his energy, persistence and ability, he has accomplished great results. He is a young man, and his years in our commercial life have been few, but in this short time he has won his way to the front, and none outrank him in position or favoritism among their friends and acquaintances. It seems almost useless to even attempt to tell the people of Louisville anything about Mr. Bensinger, but for the benefit of our other readers, we are glad to state that in selecting him as one of the representatives of the city, every one will agree as to the correctness of our judgment. Mr Bensinger is the type of young Jewish manhood which has a place in the world—a place which he worthily and honestly fills.



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Among the best known gentlemen of Louisville is Mr. William Newberger. He is a man whom to know is to like, and by his agreeable manner and strong personality, has endeared himself to the hearts of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. He represents what is best in our communal life—is a member of several of our worthiest organizations, and holds a high place among the men who do a great deal of good in the community. Mr. Newberger is unostentatious and plain in his ways, and possesses the modesty of the refined gentleman. He does not talk much, but his words always carry weight with them. As a member of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, Mr. Newberger has clearly demonstrated that he is both able and willing to lend his assistance and do all he can for any project with which he may associate himself.



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A history of Louisville Jews would not be complete without a mention of Mr. Moses Straus.

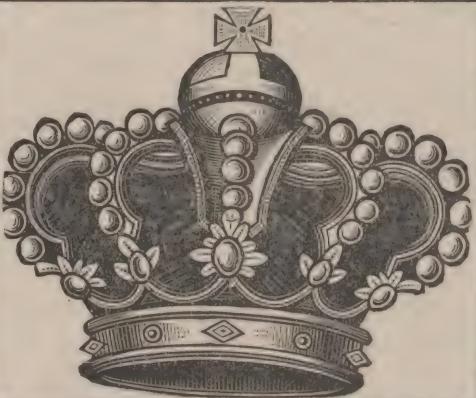
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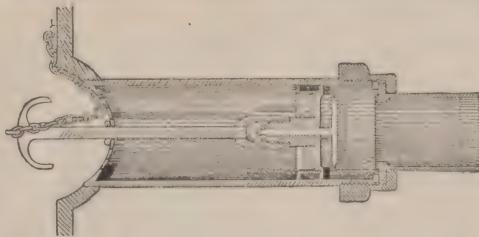


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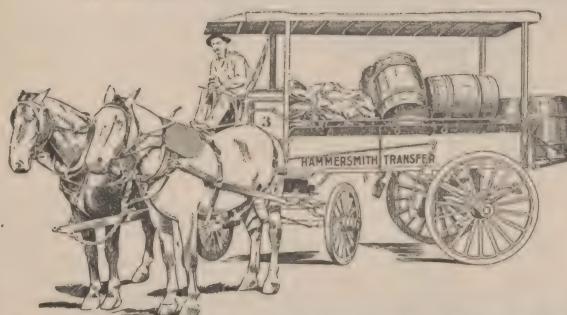
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## THE FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL.

In every respect the Fifth Avenue Hotel of Louisville is first-class. It is a modern building four stories in height of brick and stone, and is imposing and home like in appearance. In fact, the management of the hostelry have endeavored to make it a veritable home for all their guests. Commercial travellers, tourists and native Louisvillians alike, are sure that in The Fifth Avenue they will find accommodations which will suit them. The hotel has facilities for entire families, and in this regard it is notable throughout the South.

The Fifth Avenue Hotel is located on Fifth Avenue between Green and Walnut streets, and is convenient to all the car lines, the theatres and the business district. This makes it especially adaptable to the needs of transients, and gives it an atmosphere of life especially enjoyable. For those who dislike this noise and bustle, however, the hotel also has splendid accommodations. It is exceedingly well built and the noises of the street cannot penetrate to the rooms or the handsome parlors. Arrange-



ments have been made whereby the hotel is especially suited to the accommodation of ladies as well as gentlemen; in fact, there is no reason why The Fifth Avenue Hotel should not please even the most fastidious, and one who is accustomed to the best hotel service in the country.

The hotel is built in a commodious and up-to-date style. The rooms are large, airy, and are kept with scrupulous cleanliness. Besides this they are exceedingly well furnished and cheerful in appearance. The entire house is also in accordance with



this description, which states the case but mildly. The immense office on the ground floor is spacious, inviting and everything that one could expect. The parlors are another feature of the establishment which should be dwelt on at length. They show the highest skill of the decorator's art, and display the exquisite taste of the management which ordered the work. Besides being beautifully decorated, the parlors are magnificently furnished, the carpets, pictures, draperies, and richly upholstered lounges, divans and chairs are all the finest that could be procured. In addition to the parlors there is what is known as "The Cosy Corner."

This is a nook which finds many admirers. It is what its name indicates, and guests have frequently congregated here, where they can have a quiet chat undisturbed and free from any interruption.

The hotel has several elevators, and these have every modern convenience, providing the guests swift conveyance from floor to floor, and being also great facilitators



in the handling of trunks and other freight. The hotel is modern and up-to-date in every detail. As soon as a new hotel novelty is used in any part of the country and Mr. Pike Campbell, the energetic, enterprising and progressive manager hears of it, he spares neither expense nor trouble in seeing that it is introduced in the Fifth Avenue. In this manner the establishment has not only kept abreast of the times, but because Mr. Campbell's constant striving for new ideas, and his constant desire to place his hotel in the front rank among those of the country, the hostelry has not only kept pace with the times, but has gone a little ahead on its own account.

The Fifth Avenue is lighted by electricity and heated by steam throughout. Its fittings are all kept in the very best of condition, and the whole house from cellar to garret is as clean as the most tidy could desire. The element of cleanliness cannot be overestimated in the management of a hotel, and Mr. Campbell is a great stickler for the observance of this rule. But not only in this regard is the gentleman watchful of the interests of his guests, but in many another is his watchful care that the guests are pleased. His aim is to give people their money's worth and a little more, and in this he succeeds beyond peradventure.

A feature about the Fifth Avenue is the exquisite cuisine. Not only is there a variety in the dishes served, but the cooking is palatable and delicious. Mr. Campbell sees that there is nothing wanting to make the table equal to that of any hotel in the country. The finest Chef that could be found is in charge of the kitchen, and nothing but the best of everything is bought. The cooking, however, is not the entire question



of pleasing the guests at their meals, for the service counts for a great deal as well. In this regard the Fifth Avenue is also strictly up-to-date. There are plenty of waiters and they are all experienced. The dishes, knives, forks and other table paraphernalia are also in keeping with the high class of the whole hotel. The table napery is the finest, and when you sit down to a meal at the Fifth Avenue everything is conducive to the temptation of the appetite.

The dining room is magnificently decorated and brilliantly lighted. It has a seating capacity for one hundred guests at a time, and the kitchen is large enough for the cooking of enough food for a great many times that number. A glance into the kitchen will easily convince one of the able management of the hotel. Pots and pans are scoured until they shine, and everything is always in the finest order.

The corridors of the hotel are all richly carpetted, and people passing them do not disturb the guests in their rooms. All the rooms are easily accessible to the street, and are convenient to the elevators or the stairways in case of any

gency. The bell boy service is also of a high order, the hotel being supplied with electric bells, communicating with the office, in every room. The hotel management treats the guests as if they were in their own homes, and shows such attentions as are rarely found even in higher priced caravansaries. The welfare of each guest is conscientiously looked after. The clerks are always polite in their demeanor, are willing to aid the guests, and every one connected with the establishment feels in duty bound to make those who live within their walls as comfortable as possible.

The office is in charge of Mr. Arthur O. St. Clair, the assistant manager, and he thoroughly understands the hotel business. Among the familiar figures about the office, none are more popular than Miss Anna Brazel, the young and pretty stenographer, who assists the guests with their correspondence. She is one of the prides of the place, and her work is of a high order, as she is a most intelligent young woman.



Since Mr. Campbell took charge of the hotel five years ago, it has undergone a complete change from cellar to garret, and from engine room to front door, and occupies a most splendid reputation among the hotels of the country. The Fifth Avenue Hotel is moderate in its rates, and is undoubtedly one of the best two-dollar a day houses in the South, if not in the entire country.

In connection with this general statement about the Fifth Avenue Hotel, it might not be out of place to say a few words about the biography of Mr. Pike Campbell, its manager and owner. Mr. Campbell is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet. He is a man of the widest experience, and has occupied many important positions during his life. He is a native Louisvillian, and did not live anywhere else, with the

exception of some two years spent in St. Louis as Assistant to General Superintendent T. H. Wickes of the Pullman Company. Mr. Campbell's parents lived in Louisville for many years and thus the name of Campbell is prominently associated with affairs in this city. His first work was in the hardware business, but later he drifted into the railroad business, with the success as mentioned in his visit to St. Louis. He was with the Louisville and Nashville for some four years, but was forced to retire, owing to ill-health. He also represented an Eastern Railroad Company in the South, and in all these positions Mr. Campbell met with the great success which his energy and ability deserved. Later he became the business partner of a prominent architect, and they constructed the Columbia, the largest office building in the city, together with a great deal of other representative buildings. Mr. Campbell was later the manager for the



Muldoon Granite Company. He was offered the management of the Fifth Avenue Hotel on a number of occasions, but at first declined, as the hotel had then run down. He afterwards made an offer for the property, and on January 1, 1896, became its owner. Since that time he has thrown himself heart and soul into this work and has made out of the Fifth Avenue, a hotel which is not only a pride to the citizens of Louisville, but is a theme for favorable comment about Louisville herself from those who have had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of Mr. Campbell's famous hostelry.

The carriage service and baggage arrangements of the hotel for transporting guests to and from the depots are unexcelled, and guests can feel assured that calls left at the office are never overlooked.







